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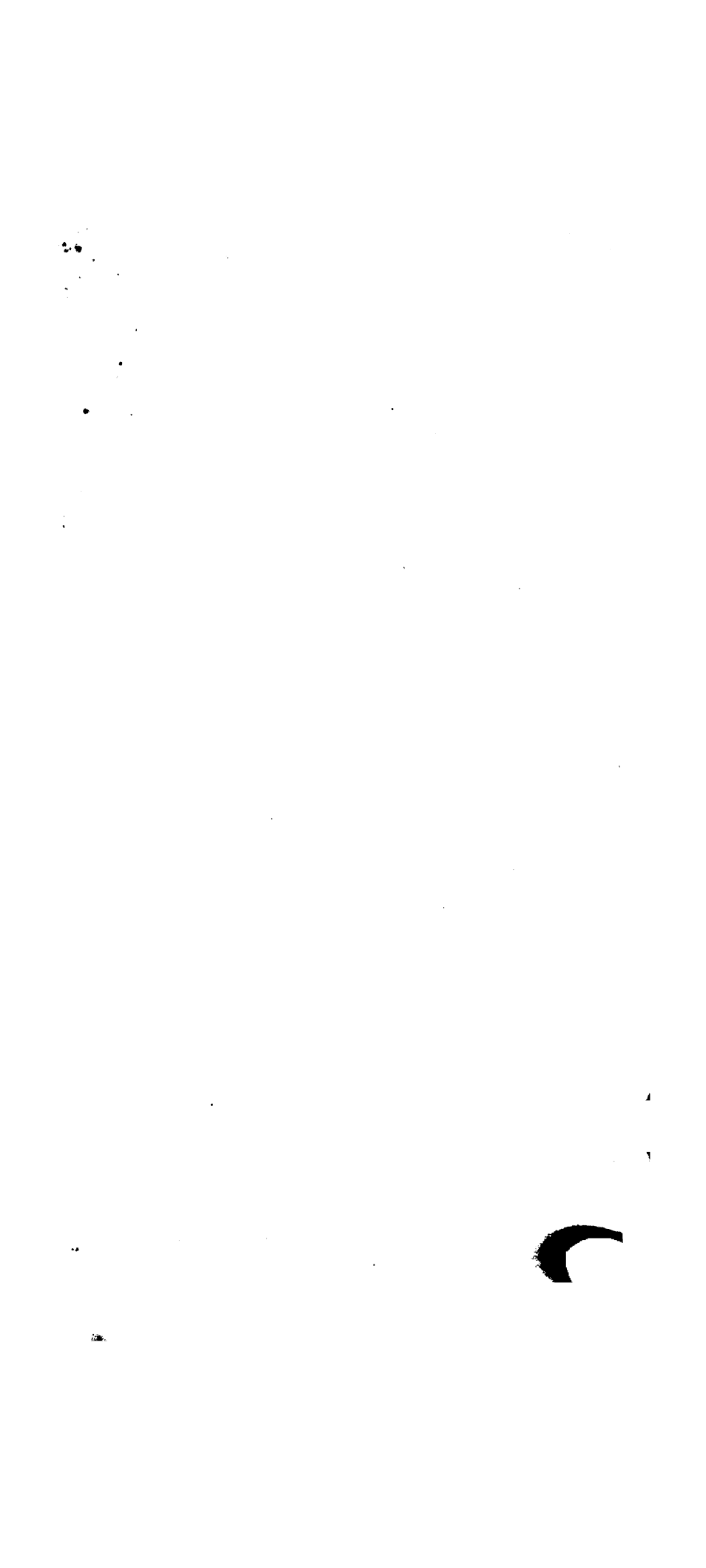
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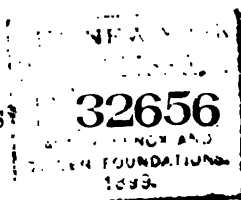






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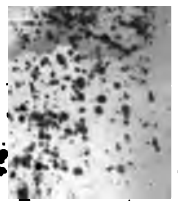
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## LIST OF THE CLERGY.

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The Right Rev. THOMAS C. BROWNELL, D. D. L. L. D. Bishop,  
and President of Washington College, Hartford.

The Rev. GEORGE B. ANDREWS, Rector of St. John's Church,  
Kent, and St. Paul's Church, Sharon, residing at Armenia.

The Rev. ASHBEL BALDWIN, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Wal-  
lingford.

The Rev. DAVID BALDWIN, Rector of Christ Church, Guilford,  
and St. John's Church, North-Guilford.

The Rev. STEPHEN BEACH, Rector of St. John's Church, Salisbury.

The Rev. DAVID BELDEN, residing at Wilton.

The Rev. BENJAMIN BENHAM, residing in Brookfield.

The Rev. SOLOMON BLAKESLEY.

The Rev. NATHANIEL B. BURGESS, residing at Glastenbury.

The Rev. NATHANIEL F. BRUCE.

The Rev. DANIEL BURMANS, Rector of Trinity Church, Newtown.

The Rev. PETER G. CLARK, Rector of St. John's Church, Essex,  
Saybrook, and Union Church, Killingworth.

The Rev. JOSEPH T. CLARK, officiating in Christ Church, Wood-  
bridge, and at Amity.

The Rev. JOHN W. CLOUD, residing at Cheshire.

The Rev. ASA CORNWALL, residing at Cheshire.

The Rev. HARRY CROSWELL, Rector of Trinity Church, New-  
Haven.

The Rev. WILLIAM A. CURTIS, Rector of St. Peter's Church and  
Christ Church, Oxford.

The Rev. JOHN M. GARFIELD, Principal of the Ladies' Academy,  
New-Haven, and officiating in Trinity Church, Branford.

The Rev. ALPHEUS GEZEK, Rector of St. John's Church, Water-  
bury, and the Church in Salem.

The Rev. FREDERICK HOLCOMB, Rector of the Churches in Wa-  
tertown and Northfield.

The Rev. ORIGEN P. HOLCOMB, Rector of St. Matthew's Church,  
Wilton, and the Church in Ridgefield.

The Rev. LEMUEL B. HULL, Rector of St. James' Church, Danbu-  
ry, and Christ Church, Reading.

The Rev. FRANCIS L. HAWKS, Assistant Minister of Trinity Church,  
New-Haven.

The Rev. ENOCH HUNTINGTON, Rector of St. John's Church, New-  
Milford.

The Rev. HECTOR HUMPHREYS, Professor of Languages in Wash-  
ington College, Hartford, and Rector of St. Luke's Church, Glasten-  
bury.

The Rev. REUBEN IVES, residing at Cheshire.

The Rev. WILLIAM JARVIS, Rector of St. John's Church, Essex,  
residing at Saybrook.

The Rev. STEPHEN JEWETT, Rector of Christ Church, Derby, and Union Church, Humphreysville.

The Rev. ISAAC JONES, residing at Litchfield.

The Rev. HENRY R. JUDAH, Rector of St. John's Church, Bridgeport.

The Rev. BETHEL JUDD, Rector of St. John's Church, N. London.

The Rev. JAMES KEELER, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Northford, and St. Andrew's Church, Meriden.

The Rev. EZRA B. KELLOGG, Rector of Trinity Church, Brooklyn, and ——— Church, Pomfret.

The Rev. W. H. LEWIS, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Huntington.

The Rev. HENRY M. MASON, officiating in St. Peter's Church, Cheshire.

The Rev. TRUMAN MARSH, Rector of the associated Churches in Litchfield.

The Rev. SMITH MILES, Rector of Trinity Church, Chatham.

The Rev. BIRDSEY G. NOBLE, Rector of Christ Church, Middletown.

The Rev. SETH B. PADDOCK, Rector of Christ Church, Norwich.

The Rev. EDWARD W. PEET.

The Rev. JOSEPH PERRY.

The Rev. NORMAN PINNEY, Tutor in Mathematics in Washington College, Hartford.

The Rev. WILLIAM T. POTTER, Rector of the Church in West-Haven, and Christ Church, East-Haven.

The Rev. HORATIO POTTER, Professor of Mathematics in Washington College.

The Rev. CHAUNCEY PRINDLE, residing at Oxford.

The Rev. RODNEY ROSSITER, Rector of St. Peter's and St. Matthew's Churches, Plymouth.

The Rev. EDWARD RUTLEDGE, Rector of Christ Church, Stratford.

The Rev. WM. SHELTON, Rector of St. John's Church, Fairfield.

The Rev. G. C. SHEPARD, Rector of Christ Church, Hebron.

The Rev. REUBEN SHERWOOD, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Norwalk.

The Rev. J. S. STONE, Assistant Minister of St. Michael's Church, Litchfield.

The Rev. A. STEELE, Rector of Christ Church, Middle-Haddam.

The Rev. DANIEL SOMERS, residing at Norwalk.

The Rev. A. S. TODD, Rector of St. John's Church, Stamford.

The Rev. RANSOM WARNER, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Simsbury, and St. Paul's Church, Granby.

The Rev. GEORGE S. WHITE, residing at Canterbury.

The Rev. NATHANIEL S. WHEATON, Rector of Christ Church, Hartford.

The Rev. MILTON WILCOX, residing in Simsbury.

The Rev. JACOB OSON, (a man of color,) residing in New-Haven, appointed Missionary to Liberia.

*Number of Clergymen in the Diocese, 59.*

**LIST OF THE PARISHES**  
**OF THE**  
***Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of***  
***Connecticut, 1828.***

**HARTFORD COUNTY.**

*Hartford*, Christ Church.  
\**Glastenbury*, St. Luke's Church.  
\**Simsbury*, St. Andrew's Church.  
\**Granby*, St. Peter's Church.  
\**East-Windsor*, (*Warehousepoint*,) St. John's Church.  
\**Southington*, ——— Church.

**WINDHAM COUNTY.**

*Brooklyn*, Trinity Church.  
\**Canterbury*, St. Thomas' Church.  
\**Pomfret*,

**TOLLAND COUNTY.**

*Hebron*, St. Peter's Church.

**NEW-LONDON COUNTY.**

\**New-London*, St. James' Church.  
\**Norwich*, Christ Church.  
\**Preston*, (*Pauquetannuck*,) St. James' Church.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY.**

\**Middletown*, Christ Church.  
\**Chatham*, Trinity Church.  
\**Middle-Haddam*, Christ Church.  
\**East-Haddam*, St. Stephen's Church.  
*Saybrook*, (*Essex*,) St. John's Church.  
\**Killingworth*, Union Church.

**NEW-HAVEN COUNTY.**

\**New-Haven*, Trinity Church.  
*Guilford*, Christ Church.  
\**North-Guilford*, St. John's Church.  
\**Branford*, Trinity Church.  
\**North-Branford*, ——— Church.  
\**East-Haven*, Christ Church.  
\**North-Haven*, Trinity Church.  
\**Northford*, St. Michael's Church,  
\**Wallingford*, St. Paul's Church.  
*Cheshire*, St. Peter's Church.  
\**Meriden*, St. Andrew's Church.  
\**Hamden*, Grace Church.  
\**West-Haven*, ——— Church.  
*Milford*, St. George's Church.



*Derby*, St. John's Church.  
*Humphreysville*, Union Church.  
*\*Oxford*, { St. Peter's Church,  
               } Christ Church.  
*Waterbury*, St. John's Church.  
*\*Salem*, ——— Church.  
*\*Woodbridge*, Christ Church.

## FAIRFIELD COUNTY.

*Stratford*, Christ Church.  
*Bridgeport*, St. John's Church.  
*Fairfield*, Trinity Church.  
*\*Weston*, ——— Church.  
*Norwalk*, St. Paul's Church.  
*Stamford*, St. John's Church.  
*Wilton*, St. Matthew's Church.  
*Ridgefield*, ——— Church.  
*Danbury*, St. James' Church.  
*Reading*, Christ Church.  
*Newtown*, Trinity Church.  
*\*Brookfield*, St. Paul's Church  
*\*Huntington*, St. Paul's Church.  
*\*Monroe*, St. Peter's Church.  
*\*Trumbull*, Christ Church.  
*New-Canaan*.

## LITCHFIELD COUNTY.

*\*Litchfield*, St. Michael's Church.  
               *Bradleyville*, ——— Church.  
               *Milton*, ——— Church.  
*New-Milford*, St. John's Church.  
               *Bridgewater*.  
*\*Sharon*, St. Paul's Church.  
*\*Kent*, St. John's Church.  
*New-Preston*, St. Andrew's Church.  
*\*Washington*, ——— Church.  
*Salisbury*, St. John's Church.  
*\*Woodbury*, St. John's Church.  
*\*Roxbury*, ——— Church.  
*\*Bethlehem*,  
*\*Watertown*, Christ Church.  
*Canaan*,  
*\*Cornwall*,  
*\*Goshen*,  
*\*Northfield*, ——— Church.  
*\*Barkhamstead*, St. John's Church.  
*Plymouth*, { St. Peter's Church.  
               } St. Matthew's Church.  
*Number of Congregations*, 77.

*\*These Parishes were not represented in Convention by Delegates.*

# JOURNAL

OF THE

## CONVENTION, 1828.

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*Norwalk, Wednesday June 4th, 1828.*

**T**HIS being the day appointed by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Connecticut, for the meeting of the Annual Convention of said Church, the Rt. Rev. T. C. Brownell, D. D. L. L. D. and several Clergymen and Lay-Delegates attended in St. Paul's Church, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Harry Crosswell, Rector of Trinity Church, New-Haven. The Sermon was delivered by the Bishop. The Bishop admitted the Rev. *William A. Curtis*, to the holy order of Priests. The Rev. H. Crosswell, and the Rev. R. Sherwood, assisted the Bishop in the administration of the holy communion.

The Chair was taken by the Bishop. A list of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention, was called over by the Secretary, and the following answered to their names and took their seats :—

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| <p>The Right Rev. T. C. BROWNELL,<br/>D. D. L. L. D. Bishop.</p> | <p>Rev. STEPHEN JEWETT,</p>    |
| <p>Rev. GEORGE B. ANDREWS,</p>                                   | <p>" HENRY R. JUDAH,</p>       |
| <p>" ASHBEL BALDWIN,</p>   | <p>" BETHEL JUDD,</p>          |
| <p>" DAVID BALDWIN,</p>  | <p>" JAMES KEELER,</p>         |
| <p>" STEPHEN BEACH,</p>  | <p>" HENRY M. MASON,</p>       |
| <p>" DANIEL BURMANS,</p>   | <p>" BIRDSEY G. NOBLE,</p>     |
| <p>" PETER G. CLARK,</p>   | <p>" WM. T. POTTER,</p>        |
| <p>" HARRY CROSWELL,</p>   | <p>" RODNEY ROSSITER,</p>      |
| <p>" J. W. CLOUD,</p>  | <p>" EDWARD RUTLEDGE,</p>      |
| <p>" WM. A. CURTIS,</p>  | <p>" GEORGE C. SHEPARD,</p>    |
| <p>" JOHN M. GARFIELD,</p>                                       | <p>" REUBEN SHERWOOD,</p>      |
| <p>" FRANCIS L. HAWKS,</p>                                       | <p>" WM. SHELTON,</p>          |
| <p>" ORIGEN P. HOLCOMB,</p>                                      | <p>" DANIEL SOMERS,</p>        |
| <p>" LEMUEL B. HULL,</p>   | <p>" JOHN S. STONE,</p>        |
| <p>" ENOCH HUNTINGTON,</p>                                       | <p>" AMBROSE S. TODD,</p>      |
| <p>" HAZTOR HUMPHREYS,</p>                                       | <p>" NATHANIEL S. WHEATON.</p> |

The following Clergymen entitled to seats in this Convention, or residing in this Diocese, were not present :

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| Rev. D. BELDEN,  | " E. B. KELLOGG, |
| " B. BENHAM,     | " T. MARSH.      |
| " N. F. BRUCE,   | " S. MILES,      |
| " S. BLAKESLEY,  | " S. B. PADDOCK, |
| " N. B. BURGESS, | " J. PERRY.      |
| " J. T. CLARK,   | " N. PINNEY,     |
| " A. CORNWALL,   | " C. PRINDLE,    |
| " A. GEAR,       | " H. POTTER,     |
| " S. GRISWOLD,   | " A. STEELE,     |
| " F. HOLCOMB,    | " M. WILCOX,     |
| " R. IVES,       | " R. WARNER,     |
| " W. JARVIS,     | " G. S. WHITE.   |
| " I. JONES,      |                  |

The Rev. Ashbel Baldwin, and the Rev. B. G. Noble, were appointed a committee to receive and examine the testimonials of the Lay-Delegates.

On motion by the Rev. A. Baldwin, the Convention adjourned till half past 3 o'clock, P. M.

*St. Paul's Church, half past 3 o'clock, P. M.*

The Convention assembled pursuant to adjournment.

The roll of the Clergy was called.

The Rev. B. G. Noble, from the committee to whom was referred the certificates of the Lay-Delegates, made the following report :—

The committee appointed to receive and examine the certificates of the Lay-Delegates, report that the following persons have been duly elected to represent their respective Parishes in this Convention :

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| Col. George A. Foot, <i>Gulford.</i>   | David G. Tomlinson, } <i>Milford.</i>   |
| Dr. David W. Olmstead, <i>Wilton.</i>  | G. R. Tomlinson, }                      |
| Nathan Kingsley, <i>New Preston.</i>   | Stephen Olmstead, <i>Ridgefield.</i>    |
| John G. Noble, }                       | Hull Sherwood, <i>Fairfield.</i>        |
| Truman Richmond, } <i>New Milford.</i> | Ashbel London, }                        |
| Humphrey Nichols, }                    | Selah Kilbourn, } <i>Salisbury.</i>     |
| Lyman Bradley, }                       | Elijah Warner, <i>Plymouth.</i>         |
| Felix Starkey, Esq. <i>Essex.</i>      | Reuben Hunt, <i>Canaan.</i>             |
| Joseph Booth, }                        | Ira Burnham, }                          |
| John Johnson, }                        | Joel Stone, } <i>Danbury.</i>           |
| Eli Walker Lewis, }                    | Henry Belden, Esq. }                    |
| Edwards Johnson, }                     | Dr. Richard Bryan, } <i>Norwalk.</i>    |
| Daniel Putnam, Esq. <i>Brooklyn.</i>   | Wm. R. Hitchcock, Esq. <i>Cheshire.</i> |
| Wm. Post, }                            | Jonathan Meeker, }                      |
| Elijah Burrit, }                       | Daniel Lyon, }                          |
| Simeon H. Minor, Esq. }                | Henry Curtis, <i>Derby.</i>             |
| John W. Leeds, }                       | Wm. H. Imlay, Esq. <i>Hartford.</i>     |
| Stephen Betts, Esq. <i>New Canaan.</i> | Hon. John S. Peters, <i>Hebron.</i>     |

These Delegates were present, with the exception of those whose names are printed in *italics*, and the roll being called, answered to their names, and took their seats in Convention.

A quorum of both orders being present, the Convention proceeded

to elect a Secretary, and the Rev. Birdsey G. Noble was unanimously chosen.

On motion of the Rev. R. Sherwood—*Resolved*, That clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, belonging to other dioceses, and candidates for holy orders, who may be in this town during the session of this Convention, be admitted to the sittings of the same.

Agreeably to this resolution, the Rev. Ralph Williston, from the diocese of Pennsylvania, and Mr. Allen C. Morgan, a candidate for holy orders, took seats in Convention.

The Right Rev. T. C. BROWNELL, Bishop of the Diocese, agreeable to the 45th Canon of the General Convention, delivered the following

### ADDRESS.

My Brethren of the Clergy and of the Laity :—

Another of those interesting periods has returned, when we are accustomed to assemble together, for mutual information concerning the several portions of our Zion, and to deliberate on such measures as, with the blessing of God, may be conducive to her peace and prosperity. May we all be deeply impressed with gratitude to the Divine Being, for the abundant mercies he has bestowed on us during the past year. May we feel a deep sense of our entire dependance on Him ; and may we humbly and fervently seek his blessing on our present deliberations.

The 45th Canon of the General Convention, requires that, on this occasion, I should lay before you a view of the state of the Diocese, and an account of the Episcopal acts I have performed since our last annual meeting.

My visitations through the Diocese, in the course of the past year, have been extensive, and, in general, highly satisfactory. They have enabled me to bear testimony to the fidelity of my brethren of the Clergy, and to the cordiality with which their efforts have been seconded by the Laity, wherever they have been exerted with zeal and constancy. Our Church is, probably, less subject to sudden fluctuations than other religious communions. We look for no high excitements. We expect no sudden and rapid growth, which is often as sudden in decay. To be steadily progressive, in extent, in zeal, and in piety, is what we most desire. Such, I believe, is the present state of the Church in this Diocese. If its progress does not wholly keep pace with our wishes, it is perhaps as auspicious as we can reasonably expect.

The gradual increase of the Clergy may afford no incorrect index of the general state of the Church. Little more than eight years ago, when I was first called, in the course of divine Providence, to preside over the interests of the diocese, the number of its clergy was but *forty-two* ;\* the number at the present time, is *fifty-nine*, and there are 3 or 4 vacant cures, each of which would afford

\* Sword's Calendar for 1820.

adequate support to a clergyman. The worldly inducements to enter on the ministerial office, have never been a matter of temptation in this country. Perhaps they have not been more humble, in any part of it, than in Connecticut. But it is believed that the clergy are as liberally provided for, at the present time, as at any former period, and without any oppressive burthen on the parishes.

If the tone of religious feeling has, within the last few years, been somewhat raised throughout our Church, there is good reason to believe that this diocese has participated in the animating spirit. An increasing zeal is evinced in supporting stated ministrations in the several parishes, in providing for the religious instruction of the rising generation, in the dissemination of religious knowledge, and in the missionary cause. We have abundant reason to bless God for these encouraging indications of increasing zeal and piety, and to pray that they may continue and abound more and more.

The exertions that have been made for the promotion of education, are not less encouraging than the indications of increasing zeal in the cause of religion. It is but few years, since the youth of our communion were educated almost exclusively by persons of other religious persuasions. This is not mentioned as ground of complaint, but as resulting from the circumstances under which our Church has grown up, in a community dissenting from her doctrines and worship. But such a state of things must have greatly impeded her growth, and we have reason to congratulate ourselves that a more propitious era has commenced. We have now, under the auspices of Episcopalians, Seminaries for the education of females, of as high grade as any in our country. We have, besides the well endowed Institution at Cheshire, respectable Academies at Norwalk, at Granby, and at Sharon. And we have a College at Hartford, which at present numbers nearly 90 students, and gives a fair promise of extensive and lasting usefulness.

It is thus that our Church is beginning to take a stand among the religious denominations, by which she is surrounded, and to participate in those equal privileges which are accorded and secured by the constitution of our country. We neither enjoy nor desire exclusive privileges, nor would we give to our Institutions an exclusive or party character. We would place them on the same footing with those of other religious persuasions; and conducting them with a liberality and charity surpassed by none other in our country, we may reasonably expect that these institutions will not be regarded as objects of jealousy, and that we shall ourselves escape the uncharitable imputation of sectarianism.

The situation of Cheshire Academy will doubtless occupy the attention of the present Convention. The Trustees of the Institution, pursuant to a vote of this body, at the last annual meeting, proceeded to the election of a Principal, who was recommended as well qualified for the station; but owing to the precarious state of his health,

declined the appointment. The Board of Trustees have taken no subsequent measures on the subject ; but the Prudential Committee of the Board, deeming it highly expedient that the Academy should be opened, appointed the Rev. Henry M. Mason, to the provisional charge of the Institution. This gentleman is well qualified by his learning, to fill the station of Principal, with reputation and usefulness ; but the small number of students who have been attracted to the Academy, indicates the necessity of giving to the Institution a new organization, to accommodate it to the improvements which have recently been made in the methods of Academical instruction.

The education of our youth is a subject of deep interest, under whatever aspect it may be viewed. It is peculiarly so in reference to our Sunday Schools. In this Diocese, the general diffusion of elementary education enables us to devote these schools exclusively to their appropriate object, religious instruction. Perhaps no more efficient method of effecting this object could be devised. It extends its influence to the instructors, as well as to the pupils. The former are generally taken from the young people of the parish, at the interesting period of life when they begin to feel the responsibility of their station, as members of the community, and as probationers for another state of existence. At such a period, they cannot inculcate upon the children committed to their care, the great truths and duties of religion, without feeling the peculiar force with which they rest upon themselves. I believe Sunday Schools are now established in almost every parish of the diocese. I have watched their progress, and marked their influence, with the deepest interest. I cannot but see, in these schools, the members and supporters of the Church, as it is to exist, only a few years hence ; and I cannot but feel how deeply its welfare will be identified with their piety, their zeal, and their soundness in the faith. I recommend to the Convention, the passing of a resolution or canon, directing returns of the Sunday Schools to be annexed to the annual parochial reports, indicating the number of the scholars and of the teachers, and when the schools are, or are not, connected with the General Sunday School Union of our Church ; or that some other course be adopted, calculated to strengthen that Union, and to diffuse its benefits more extensively to the schools in this diocese.

The religious and charitable Institutions of the Church in this Diocese, as well as those established under the sanction of the General Convention, have been pressed upon the consideration of this body, in most of my previous addresses. I will only add, at the present time, that, in my estimation, these institutions have lost none of their interest, and that I regard, with high satisfaction, the increasing favor with which they are viewed, and the increasing zeal with which they are fostered by the members of our Church.

In the course of my visitations, during the past year, I have officiated in several parishes, where no duties peculiarly pertaining to the

Episcopal office, were required. These ordinary ministrations have afforded me facilities for becoming better acquainted with the state of the parishes ; and the counsels which any special occasions may have called for, have always been cordially received. The rite of confirmation cannot be profitably administered in the smaller parishes, oftener than once in two or three years. In the larger parishes, it is required more frequently. During the past year, I have administered this holy rite in the following parishes, viz. :

|          |             |               |           |                   |    |
|----------|-------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------|----|
| Aug. 3.  | At Norwich  | to 9 persons. | April 23. | S. Canaan         | 12 |
| " 19.    | Chatham     | 16            | " "       | Salisbury         | 9  |
| " 26.    | Litchfield  | 12            | May 18.   | Hartford          | 21 |
| " 27.    | Milton      | 19            | " 20.     | Woodbridge, Beth. | 43 |
| " 28.    | New Preston | 7             |           | Amity             | 2  |
| " 29.    | Kent        | 8             | " 31.     | Branford          | 12 |
| " 30.    | New Milford | 24            | June 31.  | Derby             | 34 |
| " "      | Brookfield  | 6             | " "       | Humpreysville     | 29 |
| " 31.    | Newtown     | 24            | " 3.      | Stamford          | 13 |
| Sept. 1. | Huntington  | 6             | " 4.      | Norwalk           | 15 |
| " 2.     | Bridgeport  | 6             |           |                   |    |
| " 4.     | Hamden      | 19            |           |                   |    |

In all, to 346.

On my visit to the Parish of Kent, on the 29th day of August last, I consecrated the new Church erected there, by the name of St Andrew's Church. This is a very handsome stone edifice, built in the Gothic style of architecture, and is the fourth Church erected, in four adjoining Towns, under the auspices of the Rev. George B. Andrews.

On the 13th of May last, I laid the corner stone of a new Church, which is now in the course of erection, at Hartford. This will be a very spacious stone edifice, and it promises to be one of the finest specimens of Gothic architecture in our country. A new stone Church is also erecting at Norwich.

The following ordinations have been held during the past year. On the 8th of August, at St. Peter's Church, Hebron, I admitted the Rev. George C. Shepard, Rector of that Parish, to the Holy Order of Priests. On the 2d of September, at St. John's Church, Bridgeport, I admitted Mr. Nathan Kingsbury, and Mr. Edward W. Peet, the latter a graduate of the General Theological Seminary, to the Holy Order of Deacons. The former is employed as a teacher of an Academy at Brooklyn, Long Island ; and the latter is at present officiating as a Missionary in the Diocese of Virginia. On the 15th of February, at Christ Church, in the City of Hartford, I admitted Jacob Oson, a man of color, to the Holy Order of Deacons, and on the following day to that of Priests. This person had been for some time a candidate, and had been useful as a Catechist and Lay-reader, among the people of color, in the City of New-Haven. He was admitted to Holy Orders, at this time, in consequence of his appointment as Missionary to Liberia, in Africa, by the Directors of the Missionary Society, established by the General Convention.

On Monday last, the 2d inst. at St. John's Church, Huntington, I

admitted the Rev. William H. Lewis, Rector of that Parish, to the Holy Order of Priests ; and this day, in your presence, I have admitted the Rev. William A. Curtis, Rector of the Parishes of Oxford, to the same grade of the Ministry.

\* Among the changes which have taken place in the Diocese, since the last Convention, I have to record the decease of the Rev. Thomas K. Peck. He was zealously employed as a missionary in the eastern part of the diocese, and was called from his labors, when there was the fairest prospect of success ;—another example of the inscrutable providence of God, which is calculated to inspire us with humility and reverence, and which should incite us to pray to the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth new labourers into his harvest.

It is known to the Convention, that the Rev. Menzies Rayner has relinquished his Ministry in this Church, and connected himself with another religious communion. Having communicated to me in writing, the relinquishment of his “ official standing as an Episcopal Clergyman in the Diocese,” that I might “ record” the same, according to the provisions of the Canon, in that case made and provided, “ and also take such other measures, as in my judgment, the canon might require ;” I have, therefore, recorded his said declaration, so made ; and also, in the presence of the Rev. George W. Doane, and the Rev. Norman Pinney, have pronounced the said Menzies Rayner to be suspended from the exercise of the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and have recorded his suspension, pursuant to the provisions of the Canon above referred to.—The Rev. Mr. Rayner, by making his suspension the result of his own voluntary act, has greatly relieved me from the pain which such an act of discipline is otherwise calculated to create. And however we may regret the cause which has led to it, we are not to be judges of other men’s consciences :—“ to his own Master he standeth or falleth.”

The Rev. Sturges Gilbert, has received letters dimissory, and removed to the Eastern Diocese. The Rev. Bennett Glover has received letters dimissory to the Diocese of Pennsylvania. And the Rev. George W. Doane, lately a Professor in Washington College, having been called as assistant Rector of Trinity Church, Boston, has taken his dimissory letters from this Diocese.

The Rev. Enoch Huntington, with letters dimissory from the Diocese of Pennsylvania, has taken pastoral charge of the Parish of New-Milford. The Rev. William H. Lewis, and the Rev. William A. Curtis have presented to me letters dimissory from the Diocese of New York. The former has accepted the pastoral charge of the Parish of Huntington, and the latter that of the Parishes of Oxford. The Rev. Francis L. Hawkes, with letters dimissory from the Diocese of North Carolina, is officiating with peculiar acceptance, as Assistant Minister in the Parish of New Haven. The Rev. John Wurts Cloud has presented to me letters dimissory from the Diocese of Mississippi ; and the Rev. Horatio Potter, lately assistant minister of Christ Church,



Boston, having been appointed Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy in Washington College, has become a resident of this Diocese.

The pastoral connexion between the Rev. Benjamin Benham, and the Parish of Brookfield, being dissolved by mutual agreement, I have assented thereto, and that parish is now vacant. The Rev. Ezra B. Kellogg has resigned his charge of the Parishes of New Preston and Milton, and has been appointed a missionary for the eastern part of the Diocese. The Rev. James Keeler has taken charge of the Parish of Meriden, in connexion with that of Northford. The Rev. Peter G. Clark has accepted the pastoral charge of the Parishes of East Haddam and North Killingworth ; And the Rev. William Jarvis has accepted the rectorship of the Parish of Essexborough.

The following Cures and Parishes are now vacant. The cure of Woodbury, Roxbury and Washington, by the removal of the Rev. Mr. Gilbert. The Cure of New Preston and Milton, by the removal of the Rev. Mr. Kellogg. The Parish of Brookfield, by the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Benham. And another Cure may be formed, by an union of the vacant Parish of Trumbull, with that of Weston, or Monroe. Besides these, there are several small Parishes which receive only occasional services, from the Clergy in their vicinity.

The following persons are now candidates for Holy Orders in this Diocese, viz ;—Harry Finch, Charles W. Bradley, and William H. Judd, (who are pursuing their studies at the General Theological Seminary,) and William Crosswell, Allen C. Morgan, John T. Adams, and Oliver Hopson.

Brethren ;—having laid before you this statement of the affairs of the Diocese, I will detain you no longer from the business of Convention.—May we enter upon it, in the fear of God, and with an earnest desire to promote his glory through the welfare of his Church. And may he, who by his Holy Spirit, did preside in the councils of the blessed Apostles, direct our deliberations, preserve us from the evils of prejudice, ignorance and error ; and by the same Spirit, so sanctify and govern us in our present work, that the portion of his Church which he has committed to our care, may be built up in the most holy faith, and that the comfortable gospel of salvation may be truly preached, truly received, and truly followed, in all places, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THOMAS C. BROWNELL.

*Norwalk, June 4, 1828.*

On motion of the Rev. J. S. Stone, William Dunning, Esq. a member of the Church in Litchfield, was admitted to an honorary seat in Convention.

The following rules of order were read by the Secretary, and adopted by the Convention :—

1. The business of every day shall be introduced by prayer.

2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand unless to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the convention, unless he have leave from the house.

4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the convention, he shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall with due respect address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.

6. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the convention, and shall not be again drawn into debate during the same session.

7. While the President is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the house, or read any book.

8. Every member who shall be in the convention when any question is put, shall on a division be counted, unless he be particularly interested in the decision.

9. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless it be seconded, and reduced to writing when required.

10. When any question is before the convention, it shall be determined on before any thing new is introduced, except for adjournment.

11. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.

12. When the convention is to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leave the chair.

The Rev. H. Croswell, corresponding Secretary of the Society, for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, read the following report of the proceedings of the Society, which was accepted :—

At the request of the President of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, and in behalf of the Board of Directors, the Corresponding Secretary begs leave to present the following report :

As the expenditures of the Society, have been confined, for several years past, to the support of Missions ; and as the President is authorized, with the advice of a committee of the Board of Direction, to make the appropriations for this object ; it has not been found necessary to call any special meeting of the Board.—From the report of the Treasurer, the Convention will perceive, that the annual receipts of the Society are still small, and inadequate to any extensive operations.—With the exception of an allowance for a portion of the past year, to the Rev Mr. Beach, Salisbury, and the Rev. Mr. Kellogg, New-Preston—and \$50 to the parish of Weston, the like sum to the parish of Middle-Haddam, and \$25 to the parish of New-Canaan—appropriations have been made for missionary labors only in the eastern part of the diocese.—In this section, the Rev. Mr. Peck labored, with encouraging prospects of usefulness, until removed by death;

and his place is now supplied by the Rev. Mr. Kellogg.—With regard to appropriations for the special benefit of weak or decayed parishes, the Board felt persuaded that nothing can be done with any due degree of equity, unless the Convention can devise some measures for fixing and defining the limits of the respective cures in the diocese.—Were all the parishes arranged in suitable and convenient cures, very few of these cures would be found unable to maintain a clergyman; and in these few instances, such aid might be afforded, as would prevent the officiating clergymen from seeking the residue of his support in a parish belonging to another cure.—Perhaps there are but few cases, in which a cure should consist of more than two parishes; and no more than three should ever be associated under the care of one clergyman.

The Board regret the necessity of saying, what they now feel bound to repeat, that the resources of the Society are too small to meet the fair demand for missionary labors within the diocese.—They venture to hope, however, that their operations, even with their very limited means, have been such, as to secure to the Society, not only the countenance, but the more liberal patronage of the friends of the Church, throughout the diocese.

On motion by the Rev. Mr. Croswell—*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to arrange the parishes composing this diocese into separate cures, and to report the same to this Convention, with such resolutions on the subject, as they may deem it expedient for the Convention to adopt.

The Rev. H. Croswell, the Rev. Ashbel Baldwin, and Stephen Betts, Esq. were appointed on this Committee.

On motion by the Rev. Mr. Humphreys—*Resolved*, That the part of the Bishop's address, which relates to Sunday Schools be referred to a Committee.

The Rev. H. Humphreys, the Rev. D. Burhans, and Col. Daniel Putnam, were appointed on this committee.

On motion of the Rev. B. G. Noble—*Resolved*, That the part of the Bishop's Address, which relates to the Episcopal Academy at Cheshire, be referred to a committee. The Rev. Messrs. Noble, Croswell, and Wheaton, and Wm. R. Hitchcock and Wm. H. Imlay, Esqrs. were appointed on this committee.

On motion by the Secretary—Wm. R. Hitchcock, Esq. was appointed assistant Secretary of the Convention.

The following report of the proceedings of the Standing Committee, during the last year, was laid upon the table by their Secretary the Rev. N. S. Wheaton.

*Abstract of the proceedings of the Standing Committee, between the Conventions of 1827, and 1828.*

HARTFORD, June 7th, 1827.

The Standing Committee, consisting of the Rev. H. Croswell, Rev.

N. S. Wheaton, Rev. R. Sherwood, Rev. D. Baldwin, and Rev. E. Rutledge, met, and chose the Rev. N. S. Wheaton, Secretary.

The chairman submitted certain documents, relative to the election of the Rev. H. U. Onderdonk, Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania—which document being found satisfactory, the testimonials, required by the Vth canon, were signed by each of the members.

Adjourned without day.

HARTFORD, August 1st.

At a meeting of the S. C. all the members being present—John Turrill Adams was recommended to the Bishop, as a candidate for holy orders ; and Nathan Kingsbury, a candidate, was recommended to receive the holy order of Deacons. Edward W. Peet, a candidate for Deacon's orders, also presented his testimonials, which were approved.

Adjourned till the following day.

August 2d.

The S. C. met—the whole number being present ; and recommended Edward W. Peet to receive the holy order of Deacons.—Adjourned till the evening.—At a meeting in the evening—all the members being present—the Rev. George C. Shepard presented the requisite testimonials, and was recommended to receive the holy order of Priests.

Adjourned.

Nov. 7th.

At a meeting of the S. C. held in Stratford—present, the Rev. Messrs. Croswell, Sherwood, Baldwin, and Rutledge :—

The chairman submitted a communication from the Secretary of the Domestic and Foreign Church Missionary Society, announcing the appointment of Jacob Oson, a man of colour, and a candidate for holy order in this Diocese, as a Missionary, to serve in Liberia ;—

Whereupon it was unanimously resolved, If the said Jacob Oson shall accept the appointment, that the committee will recommend him to the Bishop for holy orders.

The following document, signed by one of the Presbyters, and a layman of the P. E. Church in Connecticut, was received, and laid before the S. Committee.

Whereas it is commonly reported and believed, that the Rev. Menzies Rayner, a Presbyterian of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Connecticut, is in the habit of countenancing and disseminating opinions, which are contrary to the Doctrines of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States—and also, that the said Rayner is in the habit of public preaching, without using the liturgy of the Church—and further, that his conduct, for some time past, has been unbecoming the character of a Christian minister :—

Now, therefore, we the undersigned, earnestly desirous that the truth of the said reports should be investigated, agreeably to the fourth

Canon of the Convention of the State of Connecticut, do hereby charge the said Menzies Rayner, with the above recited offences, and present the same for the consideration of the Standing Committee.  
Signed &c.

Nov. 7th, 1828.

Whereupon, the S. Committee having been informed by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, that the said Menzies Rayner had given him assurances that he would immediately make the declaration required by the seventh Canon of the General Convention of 1820, to enable the Bishop to suspend him from the ministry of the church without a trial—it was unanimously resolved to postpone all proceedings on the charges, until further information be received from the Bishop. Adjourned.

NEW HAVEN, Jan. 15th, 1828.

The S. C. met in New Haven, all the members being present.—Jacob Oson, a man of colour, offered testimonials of his qualifications for the ministry, which were approved :—

Whereupon, he was recommended to the Bishop, to receive the holy order of Deacons, and also of Priests ; for the purpose of labouring as a missionary in Liberia, or of exercising the ministry among the people of colour in the United States of America.

The Rev. William H. Lewis, Deacon, presented the requisite testimonials, and was recommended to the Bishop to receive the holy order of Priests.

Information having been received from the Rt. Rev. Bishop Brownell, that the Rev. Menzies Rayner has been suspended from the ministry :—

Thereupon, *Resolved*, that all farther proceedings in reference to the said Menzies Rayner be for the present suspended.

Adjourned.

NORWALK, June 3d.

The S. C. met—all being present : William A. Curtis laid his testimonials before the S. C. which were approved ; and the said Curtis was recommended to receive the holy order of Priests.

Adjourned.

I certify that the above is a true abstract of the proceedings of the Standing Committee.

Attest,

N. S. WHEATON, *Sec'y of the S. Committee.*

On motion by the Rev. A. Baldwin—*Resolved*, That the Standing Committee be now chosen.

Agreeably to the above resolution, the Convention went into the election of the Standing Committee for the ensuing year ; and the Rev. Harry Crosswell, the Rev. N. S. Wheaton, the Rev. Reuben Sherwood, the Rev. David Baldwin, and the Rev. Edward Rutledge, were chosen.

On motion by the Rev. B. Judd—*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the state of the Church in this Diocese, and to prepare a report for insertion in the Journal of this Convention.

The parochial reports were then called for, were presented to the Bishop, and read by the Secretary.

*Christ Church, Norwich.*

No. Families 83 ; Baptisms, infants 18, adults 9.—27; Communicants 68, New do. 5, 73 ; Sunday School Scholars 70 ; Marriages 3 ; Funerals 4.

This Society is about erecting a new stone church, 66 feet by 52.

Contribution, &c. 39 68. Of the above, the Gentlemen's Society, auxiliary to the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, paid \$18 01, Ladies do. \$12 55, Congregational collection \$9 09.

S. B. PADDOCK, *Rector*.

*Report of the Rev. Henry M. Mason, Minister of St. Peter's Church, Cheshire.*

In consequence of an invitation received from this parish, I assumed the pastoral charge of it in the month of February last. During the period of my connexion with the congregation, I have experienced much to excite, and little to discourage exertion, in the prospect of their improvement, and my own usefulness. The connection between what we are obligated to believe, and commanded to practice, is inseparable ; and I have therefore endeavored to inculcate among my people sound and catholic principles, as the best means of exciting them to evangelical practice. My labors have, I trust, been attended with the divine blessing. The zeal of many is commendable for being accompanied with knowledge, and their piety the more attractive for being unostentatious. Occasionally I have performed divine service on Sunday night in private houses ; but always with strict regard to the Canon, enforcing the use of the book of Common Prayer. Extempore lectures have also, under the same restrictions, been delivered in the Episcopal Academy once, and sometimes oftener, during the week. A Bible Class has been formed, which meet every Thursday evening, and whose progress and attention have afforded me much satisfaction. A flourishing Sunday School, in connection with the Union, of more than seventy scholars, and nineteen teachers, affords some evidence of the spirit which exists among the younger part of the congregation, who are laudably engaged in the business of instruction. A library for the school, is now being established ; and the books, employed in the course of instruction, are those issued by the Society, under the patronage of the Church. The number of families now attached to the parish, equals if it does not exceed 78, and that of the communicants is in the ratio of one to every family. Nine infants have been baptized, and I have recently admitted 7 persons as recipients of the Lord's Supper.

**Families 78** : New Communicants 7 ; Total Comm. 78 ; Marriages 3 ; Sunday Scholars 76 ; Baptisms, infants 9 ; Funerals 5.

HENRY MASON, *Pastor of St. Peter's Church, Cheshire.*

*Parish of Middle-Haddam.*

In this parish, it was stated in the last report, that efforts were making to repair the house of worship which was decayed ; and also to obtain the services of a resident minister.

Through the timely assistance of the " Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge," and through the benevolent aid and exertions of one or more individuals in New York, we are now happy to state, that the former of these objects has been accomplished. The house is neatly repaired, and is now ready for consecration. The assistance received from the " Christian Knowledge Society" and others, had the effect, under the divine blessing, to call forth the most strenuous efforts from the members of the congregation ; and these efforts have, in this respect, been crowned with success.

As to the other and more important object, that of obtaining the concentrated exertions of a resident minister, it has thus far been effected ; but, in this respect, the resources of the parish enable them to make only a partial and temporary arrangement.

What has been done, however, is the cause of many grateful acknowledgements on their part. And we may add, that one more of the *waste places* of our Zion, has in a measure been built up ; and we hope and trust that here the interests of *pure and undefiled religion* have been promoted, and that some at least have been edified by *the truth as it is in Jesus*.

Number of families connected with the parish 42 ; Number of new Communicants 5, former 30, removed 1, died 1, remaining 33 ; Baptisms 21 adult, and one child ; Marriages 3 ; Burials 3.

The Sunday School has been connected with the General P. E. Sunday School Union, and has 9 Teachers and about 50 Scholars ; for whom exertions are making to obtain a Sunday School Library.

ASHBEL STEELE, *Officiating Minister.*

*St. James' Church, Derby, and Union Church, Humphreysville. Rev. S. Jewett, Rector. June 4. 1828.*

Burials 18 ; Marriages 5 ; Baptisms, infants 14, adults 7—21, of whom one was a colored man ; Confirmed June 1st, 63, two of whom belong to Mr. Lewis' Church at Ripton ; Sunday School, auxiliary to Gen. Pro. Epis. S. S. Union, 12 Teachers.

State of my parishes, improving.

The manufacturing establishments in this vicinity, give rise to such a fluctuation in the population, that I am not able to state at any time the exact number of families, or of communicants. Some families have been added to my parish during the last year. And from the number of communicants already added, and of those expected to be

received at the next administration of the holy sacrament, I anticipate an increase in 13 months, from June last, of more than 40.

The ladies of the parish of Union Church, organized (some years since) a society, in aid of their church from which considerable benefit has accrued.

Last winter the ladies also of St. James' Church, with a pious and truly commendable zeal, formed themselves into a society which meets semi-monthly. At each meeting, after prayers are offered, they devote three hours to labor, in sewing and other needle work, one of them being engaged in the mean time, in reading some approved religious book. The avails of their good work, are to be applied to the general interests of the parish, in supplying, if necessary, deficiencies in my salary, which is here raised entirely by voluntary subscription, in aid of our Sunday School, and in other contributions for the general welfare of our church.

From the result of their operations thus far, we have great reason to trust that they will prove themselves to be "in deed and in truth nursing mothers" to our church.

Our S. School in both Parishes is now in successful operation.

Our churches in both Parishes have been put in good repair and painted.

We have had much to do ; but a small sum will be paid in aid of the "Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge";—From Derby \$1 50 ; Humphreysville \$1 25 ; \$2 75.

S. JEWETT.

*Parochial Report of St. John's Church, Salisbury. Rev. Stephen Beach, Rector. June 4th, 1828.*

No. of Families belonging to the Parish, 67 ; New Communicants, 2 ; Total of Communicants, 26 ; Marriages, 5 ; Sunday Scholars, 37 ; Baptisms, Adults 8, Infants 7—15 ; Funerals, 8 ; Persons Confirmed, 9.

A Female Sunday School Society belongs to the Congregation, which is in union with the General E. Sunday School Union—has a Sunday School Library containing 90 volumes.

*St. Paul's Church Norwalk.*

Church members something over 600 ; added to the Church the last year, by baptisms, 19 infants, 3 adults—in all 22 ; Marriages, 3 ; Funerals, 23—of which 4 were from the city of N. York, and 4 were of other denominations ; new Communicants, 10 ; Communicants lost



by death and removal, 6 ; whole number about 160 ; Catechumens, about 80.

As one great object of our meeting in annual Convention is, to gain correct knowledge of the state of the Church, an object to be obtained only by a more full and particular account of our respective Parishes, than have heretofore been given—the undersigned would state, for the information of his brethren, that since the year 1816, the time when he came to the charge of this Church, the Parish has had the services of a clergyman the whole time, a privilege it had never before enjoyed, as the services of his predecessors were divided between this and other Parishes.

During this period, of almost twelve years, the people of this Parish have generally manifested a very commendable degree of zeal and liberality to their Church, as well as of kindness and indulgence to their Rector.

As evidence of this, the following facts may be stated.—By a voluntary subscription, commenced soon after he came to the Parish, in which all did well, and some few beyond all praise, a permanent fund was raised, the interest of which is adequate to the support of the Rector.

During this time they have also, at a considerable expense, new roofed and painted their Church inside and out, and moreover have repaired, considerably enlarged, and painted their Parsonage.

In addition to this, they have erected and on their own ground, a large and commodious Academy, in which is now in successful operation a flourishing male and female Seminary.

Speaking of this School, the undersigned would remark, as well to attract to it the notice of his brethren, as to encourage them to like undertakings, that it is decidedly a Church School, raised and conducted under the influence of the Church.

And although, for reasons not necessary now to mention, its friends have not been able to carry into execution, in all respects, their original plan, yet they have persevered, and after struggling with many difficulties, and encountering much opposition, have at length succeeded in planting and raising, to some degree of respectability, an Episcopal School, in Fairfield county.

The number of scholars, in both departments of this Seminary, is sixty, who are under the immediate care and instruction of two teachers, a gentleman and lady, who for their faithfulness and ability, deserve the respect and gratitude of their employers—and the patronage of the Church. This School, it is true, makes no ostentatious pretensions. There is little in it that is mechanical, and nothing designed merely for effect ; nor yet is it known by any high sounding epithets. It is simply a School of “ higher order,” wherein young ladies may acquire a thorough and accomplished education, and where young gentlemen may be fitted for College, the counting house and other useful stations in society ; and if it be the legitimate object of

such a school to train its pupils to study—to discipline the mind, in a word, *to learn them to think*, nothing is hazarded, it is thought, in saying it is second to no other.

And when it is remembered, how powerful is the influence of Schools, and also how important it is that Churchmen should take in some manner, into their own hands, the education of their children, it is hoped this, though humble example, may not be without its effect on other Parishes.

In relation to the temporalities then, or the monied matters of the Parish, it may be stated, that besides smaller sums, for different purposes, and in which, it is hoped, this people have evinced a considerable degree of liberality ; and exclusive of the salary of their clergyman, they have within the last eleven years, devoted to the Church of their substance, a sum amounting to between 14 and 15,000 dollars.

That a correct judgment may be formed of the spiritual concerns of the Parish, the following statement is submitted.

The present Rector since his connection with the Parish, has baptized about 420 persons, 34 of whom were adults, about 60 of them, however, belonged to neighboring Parishes, destitute of a clergyman, leaving 360, who have been added to this Church within the last twelve years, or an annual average number of 30.

Next to Baptism comes confirmation, at the first administration of which, by Bishop Hobart, 103 persons received this holy rite ; and at 14 subsequent administrations by Bishop Brownell, 125 have been confirmed, making in all 228, who have here received confirmation within the last twelve years. About 30 of these new members were of other Parishes, leaving 198 for this Parish, or an average number of 16 per year—a little more than half the number baptized, and of these 198 persons confirmed, about one half have come to the communion.

The subject next in order will respect the Communicants.—When the present Rector came to the charge of the Parish, there was, according to the best information that could be obtained, about 100 communicants ; of these, 30 have died and 12 removed, leaving about 60 alive, who were communicants under his predecessors. Within the last twelve years, 133 have been added ; of these, 14 have died and 18 removed, which leaves remaining of the new communicants 101, and which, added to the 60 old communicants, makes the present number about 160. From this statement it will appear, that within the last twelve years, something more than the whole number of communicants at the commencement of this period, have been added to the communion. It will also appear, that while the annual average addition has been about 11, the annual average increase, by reason of deaths and removals, has not been more than 10. These 160 communicants constitute, it is supposed, about one fourth of the whole number of the congregation, and will average, it is believed, about one and an half to every family—a larger proportion, it is thought, than will be found in most congregations.

Next in order of public offices, is the institution of Marriage—The rite has been solemnized to about 90 couple, 6 or 8 of which were of other parishes, leaving something over 80 for this parish, and the annual average of 7.

The last subject of record—the last trouble of life—"the last enemy that shall be destroyed"—and of course the last act to be noticed, is Death—The undersigned has attended 214 funerals, of which about 190 have been in this parish. The greatest number who have died in any one year, is 29, viz. in 1819; and the smallest number, is 6, viz. in 1818; making an annual average of about 16.—Supposing then, the whole number of souls in the parish, including men, women, and children, to amount to 700, which is thought a large calculation, we find that a number nearly equalling one third of the whole congregation, has, within the last twelve years, been numbered with the dead: And if on this computation, which is certainly a reasonable one, we extend our views forward, it will be found that within the short space of thirty-six years, there will have died in this parish, a number fully equalling the whole congregation at the commencement of this period. "Teach us, O Lord, so to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

R. SHERWOOD.

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*Report of the Parish in Hebron.*

Rev. George C. Shepard, rector of St. Peter's Church.—Number of Families, 71; new Communicants, 4; whole number of Communicants, 49; Marriages, 2; Baptisms, adults none, infants, 3; Sunday Scholars, 43; Teachers in Sunday School, 7; Funeral, 1; contributions to the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, \$3 11, paid. Norwalk, June 4, 1828.

GEORGE C. SHEPARD.

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*St. Andrew's Church, Northford.*

No. of Families, 20; No. of Communicants, 26; No. of Baptisms, 7, 1 adult and 6 infants; No. of Marriages, 2, and 2 in Wallingford; No. of Funerals, 1, and 1 in Wallingford; there is a Sunday School.

*St. Andrew's, Meriden.*

No. of Families, 50; No. of Communicants, 60; there is a Sunday School.

JAMES KEELER.

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*St. Stephen's and Union Churches, East-Haddam and Killingworth.*

No. of Families, 114; Communicants, 107; Marriages, 5; Baptisms, adults 4, infants 17—21; Sunday Scholars, 40; Funerals, 4. I have found it extremely beneficial to the increase of the congregations and of religion, to preach in the evening, in different parts of St. Stephen's parish—This I have continued through the last four or five months, and often as once and sometimes three times a week.

PETER G. CLARKE, Rector.

*Trinity Church, Fairfield.*

Baptisms, adults none, infants 12 ; Marriages, 4 ; Deaths, 12 ; Sunday Scholars, 60 ; Communicants, 77—additions, 3 ; No. of Families, 60 ; collection for the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, \$9. During the past year, the Sunday School has been organized under the plan of the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union, and has become auxiliary to that Society.

The connection between the parishes of Fairfield and Weston, has been dissolved. The services of the clergyman being confined to the former parish, leaving that of Weston destitute of ministerial services.

WM. SHELTON, *Rector.*

*St. Peter's Church, Plymouth.*

No. of Families, 86 ; new Communicants, 8 ; whole number of Communicants, 112 ; number of Marriages, 10 ; Baptisms, 4 ; Scholars in Sunday School 80, 8 Teachers and one Superintendent ; Deaths, 4.

*St. Matthew's Church, Plymouth.*

No. of Communicants, 54 ; Marriages, 2 ; Baptisms, 5 ; Deaths, 4.

RODNEY ROSSITER, *Rector.*

*St. Matthew's Church, Wilton.*

Baptisms, adult 1, children 6—7 ; Marriages, 3 ; Funerals, 8 ; Communicants, 44 ; Sunday Scholars, 30.

*Church at Ridgefield.*

Baptisms, adults 3, children 9—12 ; Funerals, 5 ; Communicants, 40 ; Families in both parishes, 90.

ORIGEN P. HOLCOMB, *Rector.*

*Rev. Ashbel Baldwin, residing at Wallingford.*

From the meeting of the Convention, 1827, to the 1st of August, I continued in the parish of Christ Church, Trumbull, during which time there were added to the Communion, 8 ; Marriages, 4 ; Baptisms, adults 6, infants 4—10.

By permission from the Bishop, I commenced services in the parish of Wallingford, on the first Sunday of August—No. of Families, about 30 ; Communicants, 35 ; new Communicants, 2 ; Baptisms, 1.

Agreeable to engagement in Convocation, I have officiated two Sundays at Trumbull, administered the communion, admitted two new members, married one couple, and baptized six persons—Officiated two Sundays at Southington, administered the holy communion, and attended one funeral—Officiated two Sundays in North-Haven, and one in Monroe.

*Wallingford, June 2d, 1828.*

Sunday School in Wallingford—No. of Scholars, 67 ; Teachers, 12. Sunday School in North-Haven—No. of Scholars, 19 ; Teachers, 4.

*Christ Church, Stratford—Rev. Edward Rutledge, Rector.*

The number of Families is 105, being much more numerous than formerly reported, partly owing to accession, and partly to more accurate enumeration ; the number of Communicants is 84, (four new ; ) Baptisms, 14 ; Burials, 16 ; Marriages, 10 ; Sunday Scholars, 55—Teachers, 9. In the school, the system of the Protestant Episcopal Union has been adopted.

During the winter, a course of Lectures on the Doctrines of the Church, has been delivered by the Rector, to which a highly gratifying attention was paid. It is hoped that under the divine blessing, the spiritual progress of this congregation is more and more perceptible.

A collection of \$20 60 cts. has been made for the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge.

*St. Paul's Church, Sharon, and St. Andrew's, Kent—Rev. George B. Andrews, Rector.*

Baptisms, 14 ; Marriages, 4 ; Burials, 8 ; Families, 125 ; Communicants, 90 ; Sunday Scholars, about 70.

A Parish Library is formed in Sharon. The Sunday School in Sharon has formed a connexion with the General Episcopal Sunday School Union, and is particularly flourishing. The Episcopal Academy in Sharon is also in a flourishing condition.

*St. John's Church, New-Milford.*

I came to New-Milford on the Sunday immediately succeeding our last State Convention, on an invitation received during a short residence in the Diocese of New-York. Arrangements were soon made for my officiating the whole of the time at New-Milford, until the ensuing Easter. This congregation formerly had the services of the Church but half the time. With a commendable spirit and liberality, they have now determined to exert themselves to have public worship on the Lord's day, the whole of the time. Our congregation has increased, and the divine blessing attended, in some measure, our exertions in the cause of the Redeemer.

The number of Families now connected with the congregation, is 70 ; Communicants, 59, of whom 9 have been added since the last Convention ; Baptisms 25, 13 adults, 12 infants ; Marriages, 3 ; Funerals, 5.

A Sunday School, consisting of 40 Scholars and 8 Teachers, has been formed, and united with the General P. E. S. S. Union.

E. HUNTINGTON, *Rector.*

*Christ Church, Guilford.*

Families, 53 ; Communicants, 65 ; Marriages, 5 ; Baptisms, infants 7 ; Burials, 1 ; Sunday Scholars, 54.

The system of instruction recommended by the General Protestant

Episcopal Sunday School Union, has been introduced, and the School is an auxiliary to the General Union, with the proper officers, and a suitable number of Teachers.

*St. John's Church, North-Guilford.*

Families, 29 ; Communicants, 38 ; Marriages, 1 ; Baptisms, infants, 2.

In this parish the members are about organizing their Sunday School as an auxiliary to the General Union.

There has been a sermon preached, and a collection made, in each of the parishes, in behalf of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge.

D. BALDWIN, *Rector.*

*St. Peter's Church, Oxford, May 2, 1828.*

Families, 40 ; Communicants, 38 ; Baptisms, infants 4 ; Funerals, 2  
*Christ Church.*

Families, 38 ; Communicants, 35.

My connection with these parishes having subsisted but a few weeks, the ordinary collections have not been made.

WM. A. CURTIS, *Rector.*

*Trinity Church, Brooklyn.*

The Parish of Trinity Church, Brooklyn, since the organization of that at Pomfret, consists of 12 Families, and 25 Communicants.

Till within the four Sundays past, there have been no services at the Church, with the exception of a visitation from the Bishop, for more than fifteen months.

The Rev. E. B. Kellogg, is now very acceptably, and we hope successfully employed, as a missionary in Brooklyn and Pomfret.

D. PUTNAM, *Delegate from Brooklyn.*

*Trinity Church, Branford.*

Number of Families, 50 ; new Communicants, 7 ; whole number of Communicants, 57 ; Marriages, 9 ; Baptisms, 2 ; Sunday School Scholars, 50, (not in connection with the Union ;) Funerals, 6.

JOHN M. GARFIELD, *Rector.*

*St. John's Church, Bridgeport.*

The Rector begs leave to report, that the state of this Congregation is improving in numbers ; and that the Church this spring has been altered for the accommodation of the evening worshippers, but the additional seats are found insufficient to meet the wants of the Congregation. Arrangements are making to enlarge the Church, and it is hoped that so desirable an object will ere long be accomplished. It would be highly gratifying to the Rector, to report as favorably of the increase of true religion among us.

He has reason, however, to adore the God of all grace, for the un-

deserved blessings which has crowned his unprofitable Ministry ; and is encouraged in the hope that, while a general and serious attention to the services of the Church prevails among us, many have not worshipped, nor heard the preached word in vain. Additions have been made to the Church, we humbly trust, of such as shall be saved.

Weekly Bible Lectures have been kept up, during the past year, and the blessing of God, we believe, has attended them. The Sunday School of St. John's Church, is attached to the Episcopal S. S. Union, and is in a flourishing condition, comprising 135 scholars under the instruction of 15 teachers. There is a library attached to this school of nearly 300 volumes, which promises much usefulness to the rising generation.

A copy of the Episcopal Watchman is taken by the Church, for circulation among the poorer members of the Congregation, and one by the Sunday school for distribution among the pupils.

Baptisms, adults 2, infants 31—total 33 ; Burials, 18 ; Marriages, 18 ; Communicants, 154 ; Sunday Scholars, 135.

H. R. JUDAH, *Rector*.

The past year, my services have been divided between Hamden, West-Haven, and East-Haven—the report of each parish is as follows—

*Hamden.*

Grace Church, Families 48 ; New Communicants 4—Total Com. 52 ; Baptisms 7 ; Sunday School Scholars 30 ; Funerals 3.

*West-Haven.*

Families 52 ; Communicants 68 ; Marriages 5 ; Sunday School, in Union with the General Society, Scholars 45 ; Funerals 2 ; collection paid.

*East-Haven—Christ Church.*

Families 38 ; Communicants 32 ; Baptisms 3 ; Marriages one ; Funerals 4 ; paid the collection for the Society for Promotion of Christian Knowledge.

WILLIAM T. POTTER, *Rector*.

*To the Right Rev. Thomas C. Brownell, Bishop of the Diocese of Connecticut, and President of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge.*

*Right Rev. Sir :—*

Since my last report, the greatest part of my services have been confined to the Parish of St. John's Church, Salisbury. As this Parish has made an attempt to defray the expenses for services during the past year, it has not been considered Missionary ground.—A statement of the condition of the Parish will be found in my Parochial Report. I had designed to give my whole attention to the interest of the Church in Salisbury ; but in the month of July last, I was urged to visit the people of Canaan, about 6 or 8 miles east of Salis-

bury. In complying with this request, I found a number of families, wishing to enjoy the services of our Church, and to become more perfectly acquainted with its doctrines, usages, and worship. Judging it to be expedient, although it was very difficult, I engaged to give them occasional services which have been performed with the exception of one Sunday, and two or 3 Weekly Lectures, on Sundays at 5 o'clock, after having previously performed service, and preached twice in St. John's Church, Salisbury.

In the whole, I have preached in Canaan 13 times, baptized 2 adults, and 5 infants, attended 2 funerals, and prepared for confirmation 12 persons, who received that rite at a recent visit of the Bishop at that place.

It is very desirable that Missionary services to some extent, may be afforded to this place the present year, and indeed, I have given the people encouragement that they shall have occasional services.

May the Great head of the Church bless the labours and exertions in this place, for the promotion of true religion and the building up of his Church.

All which is respectfully submitted to the consideration of the Bishop and Society, by their servant in the ministry.

STEPHEN BEACH, *Rector*.

*Norwalk, June 4th, 1828.*

*Parish of Christ Church, Hartford—Nathaniel S. Wheaton, Rector.*

Families 121 ; New Communicants 29—Total Communicants 188 ; Marriages 9 ; Baptisms, adults 16, infants, 29—Total 45 ; Sunday Scholars 163 ; Funerals 14.

It is with great satisfaction that the Rector is able to report the flourishing state of the Sunday School connected with his parish. Under the very able and active Superintendence of Mr. James M. Goodwin, seconded by many ladies and gentlemen of the parish, it has attained a degree of efficiency, which, he believes, is not common, even in the best regulated schools. While a number of the Publications of the S. School Union, are put into the hands of the pupils, great attention is paid to instructing them in the use of the Prayer Book, and they are thus taught to bear a prominent part in Divine Service. The school is under the Superintendence of Mr. Goodwin, assisted by a lady of the parish ; and the classes are taught by 23 Instructors, 9 male, and 14 female.—From 130 to 140 pupils generally attend.

The new Church is already considerably advanced, and with great unanimity on the part of the parish. In the mean time, the unprecedented demand for seats, has created inconveniences which would be severely felt, were it not for the prospect of a speedy enlargement of Church accommodations.

The Rector is not aware, that any very unusual attention to religion, has existed in his parish for some time past ; but he is persuaded there has been no decline in the aggregate amount of piety. The Report exhibits a rather large proportion of adult baptisms, and a



respectable number of new communicants, in whose future christian walk he has, in general, great confidence. Every year of his ministry convinces him more and more, of the great utility of frequent personal conversation with his people, on their spiritual concerns—of availing himself of any serious impressions which may exist, to bring the subjects of them to the ordinances of grace. It is in these private efforts, that he finds his ministry the most highly blessed, in adding to the Church such as he hopes will be saved, in the day when he must give an account of his stewardship.

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*St. John's Church, Stamford.*

No. of Families, 92 ; Communicants, about 100 ; new Communicants, 10—110 ; Baptisms, infants 12, adults 5—17 ; Marriages, 5 ; Deaths, 10 ; Sunday Scholars, 67.

The Sunday School has been recently organized, and is in union with the General Sunday School. It is conducted, as far as practicable, agreeably to the system published by the committee. Twelve Teachers are employed in the office of instruction, besides the President, Superintendent, and Secretary. The School is flourishing, and the most beneficial results are anticipated from it.

The four years last past, the parish of St. John's have done much to advance the prosperity of their Church. Recently they have purchased an excellent organ, containing ten stops. There appears among us an increasing zeal and attention to the things which belong to our everlasting peace, and to the doctrines and worship of the Church.

AMBROSE S. TODD, *Rector.*

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*Christ's Church Parish, Reading.*

No. of Families, 70 ; Communicants, 45 ; Marriages since the last report, 3 ; Baptisms, infants 5 ; Funerals, 5.

*St. James' Church Parish, Danbury.*

No. of Families, 50 ; Communicants, 40 ; Baptisms since last report, infants 4, adults 3 ; Marriages, 5 ; Funerals, 10.

L. B. HULL, *Rector.*

Reading, June 4th, 1828.

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*Trinity Church, New-Haven—Rev. Harry Crosswell, Rector ; Rev. Francis L. Hawks, Assistant.*

Baptisms, adults 7, infants 30—37 ; Burials, 33 ; Marriages, 23 ; new Communicants, 19 ; whole number of Communicants, 468.

The prospects of this parish were never more flattering. The increase has been such, within the last few years, that it has been found necessary to call an assistant-minister, and to take measures for erecting a Chapel, for the better accommodation of the congregation. The Sunday School, auxiliary to the S. S. Union, consists of more than 200 children, including Bible and Liturgy Classes. There are also

organized in the parish, two large Bible and Liturgy classes, composed of young adults, who are instructed exclusively by the Rector and his Assistant.

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*Trinity Church, Newtown—Daniel Burhans, Rector.*

Baptisms, 2 adults, 34 infants—36 ; Marriages, 15 ; Communicants, 303 ; Funerals, 14.

N. B. The parish is progressively increasing—has two Libraries, 'Washington Library,' about 200 vols. and 'Female Library,' 360 vols.—Remits \$20 per annum to the Foreign and Domestic Missionary Society—Has an auxiliary to the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge in the diocese—Also, an auxiliary to the Sunday School of the P. E. Church, Scholars about 150, Sunday School books about 200.

D. BURHANS, Rector.

June 3d, 1828.

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*Report of St. Michael's Church, Litchfield—Rev. John S. Stone, Officiating Minister.*

I entered on the pastoral care of this Church, January 21st, 1827. That part of the parish, however, known by the name of the Milton Society, has not been included in the sphere of my labors, but has been under the pastoral care of the Rev. Ezra B. Kellogg.

As nearly as I can ascertain, the whole parish contains about 180 families, and 120 Communicants. But in that part of the parish to which my services have been confined, there are :—Families, 135 ; Communicants 69, added 18, removed 3, died 3—81 ; Marriages, 12 ; Baptisms, 7 ; persons confirmed, 12.

There are, in the parish, two Sabbath Schools, one containing 110, and the other 70 scholars, making in all 180, with a prospect of further additions the present season. These schools are now in a flourishing condition, and exert a most salutary influence on the moral and religious feeling and action of the parish. By the blessing of God upon them, and upon stated means of grace, the congregation has lately sustained an encouraging increase in numbers, and, it is charitably hoped, in fervent enduring piety.

J. S. STONE, Officiating Minister.

To the Rt. Rev. T. C. BROWNELL.

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*St. George's Parish, Milford, 1827-8.*

No. of Families, 14 ; Communicants, 16. No baptisms or funerals within the year. It is expected that in the course of the season, the number will be increased, say 5 or 6.

There is a small Sunday School of about 20 scholars, in the parish, which is now very promising.

The present state of the little parish, considering our destitute state, without any regular clerical assistance, and no regular service, (it may be proper, however, to remark, that Messrs. Croswell, Judah,

Cloud, and Lewis, have each once, and Mr. Rutledge twice, kindly officiated for us in the Church, and visited the families,) is, through the Divine blessing, as prosperous, perhaps, as could be reasonably expected.

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*The minister of St. Luke's Church, Glastenbury, submits the following report :*

Families 56 ; Communicants, new 3, whole number 44 ; Baptisms 6 ; Marriages 4 ; Sunday School, in connection with the P. E. S. S. Union, Scholars 52, Teachers 5.

Collection for the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, \$4 67.

The Society have raised funds to the amount of near \$150, during the last year, for the repairs of the Church, with which the building has been neatly painted, and a plan is now maturing to alter the construction of the pews, with a view to increase the number of seats.

The general state of religion in the parish, is considered to be as satisfactory and promising as within any portion of the last three years.


HECTOR HUMPHREYS, *Rector.*

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*The Rev. D. Somers begs leave to submit the following statement :*

I have officiated in the Church at New-Canaan one half of the time during the last summer, and commencing early in March, renewed my services this season. But, as these services by contract, and in fact are, confined almost exclusively to Sundays, and the desk and pulpit of the parish at other times, is as much and as truly the care of any and every one of the neighboring clergy as my own, who baptize, marry, and bury ; the data, of course, from which any specific detailed report is to be drawn, must be very deficient, scarce affording a definite number of communicants.—I can only say, there are about 30 ; some new ones have been added. I have attended but one funeral ; the holy ordinance of baptism has been administered to two children. I am pleased to state, the congregation is in an increasing state as to numbers, seriousness and zeal. They design building a new Church—a committee has been appointed and a subscription paper opened for the purpose ; and if there are some circumstances, which, for a moment seem to darken the prospect, these, it is hoped, will vanish as the morning cloud, and the desired work be fully accomplished. I know of no place where a new Church is more wanted.

The Sunday School, the operations of which have heretofore been very limited, is now in a state of improvement, a more regular organization is in progress, and we hope, under the divine blessing, for a beneficial result.

Collections have been made in the Church to the amount of \$21, in aid of the funds of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, of which \$12 have been paid over to the Treasurer, and  remain yet to be forwarded.

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*St. Andrew's Church, New-Preston, and the Church at Washington.*

The Rev. E. B. Kellogg being the minister of these parishes, during the year 1827, reports to the Bishop as follows :—

*St. Andrew's Church New-Preston.*

Number of Families 61 ; Communicants 62 ; added 5 ; Baptisms 7 ; Marriages 3 ; Funerals 5.

*Church at Washington.*

Number of Families 18 ; Communicants 14 ; Baptisms 3 ; Marriages 1 ; Funerals 1.

For several months past, the prospects of this parish, have been considered more favorable, than at any former period. The people are anxious to have the services of the Church among them, and it is hoped their destitute condition may soon be remedied. At Milton where I have officiated one third of the time for the past year, the same wants and wishes are felt. The state of the last mentioned parish, will be given by their present Rector, the Rev. Truman Marsh.

The circumstances of the Church at Brooklyn, will be communicated by the Delegate from this parish.

At Pomfret a parish was organized the 27th of May last. The prospect of collecting a congregation here, is thought to be encouraging. We trust the prayers of the faithful will not be wanting that God may bless and build up his Church in this place. The present number of Episcopal families in Pomfret is 8 ; Communicants 12.

E. B. KELLOGG, *Missionary at Brooklyn and Pomfret.*

*Christ Church, Middletown—B. G. Noble, Rector.*

No. of Families 120 ; Marriages 6 ; Baptisms 12 ; Communicants 116 ; Sunday Scholars about 100, Teachers 15 ; Funerals 16.

The Sunday School in this parish is more flourishing than in any former year. It has been united to the Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union, and has been organized according to the system proposed by the parent institution. The Board of Managers have manifested much zeal in the discharge of the duties assigned them. A larger number have offered themselves as Teachers, than at any previous period. The prosperity of the school is to be attributed, in a great measure, to the ardor and faithfulness with which the Teachers have devoted themselves to this benevolent work. The Sunday School Library consists of a valuable collection of books, adapted to the use of the school, lately purchased at considerable expense.

The contribution from this parish to the funds of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, owing to the unavoidable absence of the Rector when it was taken up, and perhaps to other circumstances, is less than in former years. For a series of years, its contributions to the Society were creditable to its zeal and liberality.

The auxiliary to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, has been in some degree efficient. The amount of its annual contribution

to the funds of the parent Institution, has been from fifty to seventy dollars.

The general condition of the congregation has not been materially altered. The legacy from the estate of Capt. S. Clay, estimated at its settlement at \$11,000, has been greatly diminished by losses, and the depreciation in the value of property; and a considerable part of it is so situated as to be unproductive. The present income from all the funds of the Church, amounts to about \$280. The condition of the pews in the Church, one half of them being private property, has been a source of great difficulty and embarrassment. While those belonging to the Church have rented for nearly double the amount of any former year, owing to peculiar circumstances very little has been realized from a large proportion of those which belong to individuals.

Notwithstanding the circumstances referred to, the parish has been gradually increasing, and, for the last four years, there has been a want of Church room; in consequence of which, we have failed of making some valuable accessions. The subject of building a new Church, excites much interest among a large proportion of the congregation, and was brought forward for consideration at the last meeting of the Vestry. This event so much desired, and so important to the prosperity of the parish, might now be accomplished, could the members of the parish be brought to unite in it; but this, under the circumstances alluded to above, is hardly to be expected. The measure, however, is one which I have considered for five years indispensable to the further increase of the congregation.

I have avoided, in former reports, the detailing of particular local circumstances connected with the prosperity and spiritual condition of the Church, of which it has pleased God that I should have the charge for more than fifteen years, and whose prompt, zealous, and efficient co-operation with me, in former years, in the various institutions of the Church, though their means have been comparatively small, has been my rejoicing before God.

It has seemed to me, under all the circumstances due, in the annual report required by the Canon concerning *Parochial reports*, that the above statement should be respectfully submitted.

On motion, by the Rev. Mr. Croswell—*Resolved*, That the Parochial Reports be referred to the committee on the state of the Church.

The Rev. Messrs. Judd, Sherwood, and Andrews, and A. Landon, and G. A. Foote, Esqrs. were appointed the committee on the state of Church.

On motion of the Rev. B. Judd, that another person be added to the committee on the Church, the Rev. Mr. Rutledge was appointed by the Bishop.

On motion—*Resolved*, That when the Convention adjourns, it adjourns to meet at 8 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

Convention adjourned.

*St. Paul's Church, Thursday Morning, 8 o'clock.*

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev B. G. Noble read prayers.

The roll was called, and a quorum being present, the journal of the Convention, yesterday, was read and approved.

Col. Daniel Putnam laid upon the table, the following certificate of the organization of the Episcopal Parish at Pomfret, and their petition to be admitted into Union with this Convention.

At a meeting held in Pomfret, at the house of Mr. Ebenezer Thompson, on Tuesday 27th of May, 1828, present the following persons, viz. Rev. Mr. Kellogg, Messrs. Thomas Allen, Ebenezer Thompson, Joseph Russell, William Allen, Thomas J. Allen, Sanders P. Dorrance, William T. Dorrance, William Grosvenor, Alexander H. Vinton, the Rev. Mr. Kellogg being chosen moderator, and Alexander H. Vinton, Secretary pro tem.

*Resolved*, That we do hereby unite ourselves to form a Parish, to be called the Episcopal Parish of Pomfret.

*Resolved*, That Messrs. Thomas Allen and Ebenezer Thompson, be the Wardens, and Messrs. William Allen, Thomas J. Allen, Alexander H. Vinton, Joseph Russell, Sanders P. Dorrance, and Henry Eldridge, be the Vestry of the Parish, to act as the committee of the same.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Joseph Russell be the Clerk of said Parish.

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Mr. Kellogg be, and hereby is elected Rector of said Parish.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Ebenezer Thompson be elected a lay delegate, to attend the next annual Convention of the Diocese of Connecticut, and that the Rector, and Delegate, or either of them, apply to said Convention, for this Parish to be received into union with the same.

*Resolved*, that this Parish do hereby agree to, and adopt the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and also the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Connecticut.

Attest.

E. B. KELLOGG, *Chairman of the Meeting.*

A. H. VINTON, *Secretary pro tem.*

JOSEPH RUSSELL, *Clerk of Parish.*

P. S. Since the meeting, the following persons have desired to have their names added, as consenting to the above resolutions—Russel B. Hubbard, James Chandler, Henry Eldridge, Zadock Hutchins, John Richmond, Nathan Dresser, Elisha Childs.

On motion of the Rev. A. Baldwin—*Resolved*, That the certificate, &c. from the newly organized Parish in Pomfret be referred to a committee.

The Rev. Messrs. A. Baldwin, Judd, and Sherwood, were appointed on this committee.

The Rev. B. Judd, from the committee on the alterations of the Liturgy proposed by the General Convention, reported resolutions on the subject, accompanied with a motion that said resolutions be laid upon the table, for consideration at the next Convention, which motion was adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Judd, from the committee on the state of the Church, presented the following report, which was read and accepted :—

The committee on the state of the Church, beg leave to report, That finding the parochial reports too imperfect to enable them to accomplish the object recommended, and desiring hereafter to effect it—they would offer the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Rectors and Ministers of the various parishes in this diocese, be required in future, to present to the Convention, besides the statistical account of their cures, such information of a local nature, as will enable the committee of the Convention to prepare a full and interesting statement of the condition of our Church.

B. JUDD, *Chairman*.

The Rev. B. G. Noble, from the committee to whom was referred that part of the Bishop's Address which relates to the Episcopal Academy, at Cheshire, presented the following report, which was read and accepted :—

The committee to whom was referred that part of the Bishop's Address relating to Cheshire Academy, beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

*Resolved by this Convention*, That it is expedient to give to the Academy a new and improved organization.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer, and to ascertain the practicability of carrying the aforesaid resolution into effect.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Trustees to act in conjunction with the foregoing committee, and to organize the School provisionally, as recommended in the first resolution.

B. G. NOBLE, *Chairman*.

The Rev. A. Baldwin, from the committee on the certificate and petition of the Episcopal Church, Pomfret, made the following report, which was read and accepted :—

The committee to whom was referred the petition and papers of the Episcopal Church in Pomfret, beg leave to report : That said parish has acceded to the Constitution and Canons of the Church in this Diocese ; and that, in the judgment of your committee, they are entitled to be received into union with the same.

ASHBEL BALDWIN, *Chairman*.

The Rev. Mr. Humphreys, from the committee on Sunday Schools, made the following report, which was read and laid upon the table :

Whereas, the Sunday Schools in this Diocese in connection with the

General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union, have received much assistance and benefit from adopting, so far as it has been applicable, their established course of instruction, and, it is believed, the extension of that system will be of great advantage to the interests of true religion—

Therefore *Resolved*, That this Convention do again strongly recommend to all the Sunday Schools in this Diocese, to enter into that Union, and to follow the general plan of its instructions.

Whereas, it is believed that the interests of the Sunday Schools in this Diocese, may be greatly promoted by the establishment of a Diocesan Sunday School Union, auxiliary to the General P. E. S. S. Union—

Therefore *Resolved*, That such Union be established, under the following rules and regulations :

1. The Ministers and Lay-Delegates from those parishes whose Sunday Schools are connected with the General Union, shall constitute a Diocesan Sunday School Union.

2. The several Sunday Schools within this Diocese, in connection with the General Union, shall transmit to the Convention annually, a copy of the reports which are sent to the Secretary of the General Society.

3. The aforesaid Ministers shall constitute a Board of Directors for the Diocesan Union, and shall hold two meetings annually, viz. at the time and place of the meeting of the Convention, and the other at the time and place of the meeting of the Convocation, during the autumn, of which Board the Bishop shall be *ex officio* President, and the Secretary of the Convention, Secretary.

4. It shall be the duty of this board, to take efficient measures for providing at some convenient depository, a supply of books and tracts, suitable for premiums and libraries, for the Sunday Schools within this Diocese.

5. That the Directors of the Society shall be a committee of the publications.

*By order of the Committee,*

HECTOR HUMPHREYS, *Chairman.*

The Rev. A. Baldwin, offered for consideration, the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Constitution of the Church in this Diocese, be amended, so as to read in the first article—"There shall be a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in this State, alternately at Hartford and New-Haven, on the second Wednesday of May in each year."

After some discussion, the previous question on the above resolution was called for and carried.

On motion by the Rev. Mr. Humphreys, the report of the committee on Sunday Schools was taken up and accepted.

The Rev. Mr. Croswell, from the committee on the state of the Parishes, reported the following canon, accompanied with an order establishing cures, which was laid upon the table :



*Canon for the regulation and maintenance of Cures. ●*

It shall be the duty of the Convention, from time to time, to examine and declare the limits of the several cures within the Diocese—and in the settlement and maintenance of clergymen, the several parishes shall steadily adhere to such arrangement, except in cases of imperious necessity, and with the advice and consent of the ecclesiastical authority.—And any parish refusing to acquiesce in such arrangement, shall, while such refusal continues, be thereby excluded from representation in the Convention. And further, no clergyman of this Diocese shall accept a settlement in any of the Parishes in this State which may refuse to acquiesce in the arrangement of the Convention as to cures, unless for special causes, it may seem good to the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese to dispense with the provisions of this canon.

## CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY.

The Convention then proceeded to transact the business of the Church Scholarship Society.

The following report of the Board of Managers, was read, and ordered to be printed with the Journal of the Convention :

## REPORT.

The *Church Scholarship Society*, founded in pursuance of a communication to the last Convention, by the Bishop of the Diocese, is presented with the first Annual Report of the Board of Directors. The account of their proceedings will necessarily be short, and on this first recurrence to the period of our organization, it is natural to review some of the principles and motives by which we were guided. The utility of the Institution will not now be questioned. Many members of the Convention had long seen the need of an Education Society to be formed on principles somewhat varying from others then in being, and the interest which they took in its establishment, has received substantial approbation in every portion of the Church, where its claims have been presented. If the object were one of doubtful utility or success ; if while promoting the good of our fellow-men, it did not exercise and improve some of the best of human feelings ; or if it did not promise, in some good degree, to advance the interests of true religion, the Directors would hesitate to urge its further consideration. But if there be truth in the maxim that *knowledge is power*, and if it be important to enlist this power in the cause of the Church, surely we cannot falter in our endeavours to procure the means for so desirable an end. That meritorious young men, members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, studying under the embarrassments of poverty, may be assisted and prepared for usefulness, either as members of our Laity or Clergy, the friends of the Church Scholarship Society hope, by the blessing of heaven on their labors, abundantly to accomplish.

It will be recollected that the Constitution requires no restraint on the choice of a profession, at so early a stage in education as to render

an unbiased decision difficult or improbable. It will not be disguised, that we earnestly desire to educate many ministers for our altars, but we would put no such bond on the conscience of any, and least of all, would we apply to any mind, an unworthy motive to a choice, which however deliberately formed by a young and ardent spirit, a further knowledge of the world, and a deeper insight into the hidden things of the heart, might make it desirable to rescind. We would not that any individual, however much his talents might promise, should become a candidate for the Sacred Office, from motives of mere gratitude to his patrons, or indeed without feeling himself, on the deepest and most rational convictions, *moved thereto by the Holy Ghost*.

The cause of this Society, then, is the common one of learning and religion ; and it will be successful in proportion as men of real worth and talents shall be aided to surmount the difficulties of poverty, and to occupy useful stations in the learned professions. It is true that genius will, at some rate, work its own way, in spite of all obstacles ; and we would be far from lending encouragement to inaction, and from sparing any young men in straightened circumstances, the salutary necessity of *making themselves*. Such a scheme would be unnecessary, and unwise, if not positively hurtful. We would have no *drones* fattening upon the fruits of our labors. Our wish is to extend only a partial support—enough, however, to enable our young friends to toil their arduous pathway up the hill of science without lagging under the lengthened chain of debt, by which many generous spirits are dragged down, and lost to that sphere of usefulness, which a little succour would have empowered them to reach. They, whom we would aid, should learn to rely on themselves ; to put forth all their energies ; and they should seek no indulgence but that of equal privileges for study with those whose collegiate course is uninterrupted. But it is common for such young men, after expending their scanty means, to leave their standing *in class*, and go in pursuit of a fresh supply from the tedious and poorly requited labors of school-keeping. Funds obtained by this means, during college life, are a miserable pittance compared to rewards which might be ensured to some two or three years of additional education, provided they could have in the mean time, facilities for acquiring its usual honors and recommendations. Besides, an intermitting course of hard study and extra teaching too often impairs the constitution, and excessive struggles unfit the scholar for active life at the precise period when his literary attainments would ensure him success. To take by the hand young men so circumstanced, to encourage them to advance with comparative ease and certainty, and to give them ability, not only to refund their loans to the treasury, but in some good degree to discharge their debt of gratitude for the nursing care of the Church, are objects which cannot fail to interest the friends of religion as well as those of learning ;—since every *alumnus* of such bounty, if he do not become a zealous *minister* of our holy religion, will at least be made the *minister's friend*.

The scholar who has experienced the need of industry and economy to provide the means for an education, will naturally know much more of the worth of time as well as of money, than one who has never been brought into conflict with obstacles like these. The Constitution therefore limits our assistance to the form of *loans*, to be repaid, without interest, within three years from the time when the student leaves college. By his own note, he becomes responsible for the sums received, which will thus be a perpetual means of doing good. To suppose that no one will fall by the stroke of death and disappoint our hopes, would be a measure of success not accorded by heaven to any human institution, however holy may be its purposes; and that no scholar whom the Board may approve, will ever fall under the insidious approach of temptation and doubly disappoint us, is a hope more sanguine than the ordinary foresight and prudence of men will allow us to cherish.—Still, however, as the candidate must obtain from a clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church, *satisfactory testimonials of his literary and moral qualifications*; and as his claims must be scrutinized by the Board of Directors, it is thought the interests of the Society will be as little liable to abuse on this score, as those of any institution within our knowledge. While, on the other hand, the choice of a profession being left free, there will be every reason to look for superior ardour and energy of character in the business thus voluntarily chosen. Especially from them, who under such circumstances shall think it their duty, (and it is hoped many will think this) *to preach the Gospel to a world lying in wickedness*, may we rationally expect an uncommon share of that devotedness to the sacred cause, which is determined to *know nothing save Jesus Christ and him crucified*.

Considering the limited amount and the conditions of these loans, the Directors believe they will be sought by few who are not fortified with a meek and patient spirit, and with strict habits of study and economy, to render such assistance an adequate supply for their wants. The use of one hundred dollars per annum, is all that can be allowed to any individual; and however competent a subsidy this may be to a necessitous but active student, it must be a poor stay indeed to any idler.

The claims of the Society have been urged hitherto but in few places, yet the success has been such as would, in the opinion of the Directors, warrant the employment of an agent, to enlarge its funds. Though no more than a beginning, indeed, has been made, an abstract from the list of subscriptions will show the following gratifying result:—

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Seven Vice Presidents constituted by a subscription of \$100 each, | \$700 |
| Two Directors, at 50 each,   | 100   |
| Eleven Life Subscribers at 20, and }                               |       |
| One do. at 30, }   | 250   |
| Twenty-one Donations,  | 161   |

|  |    |       |         |
|--|----|-------|---------|
| Fifty-three Annual Subscribers, of which there are |    |       |         |
| 2  | at | \$15  |         |
| 2  | "  | 10    |         |
| 2  | "  | 5     |         |
| 47   | "  | 2     |         |
|  |    | <hr/> |         |
|  |    | 154   | 154     |
| Amounting in all to                                |    |       | <hr/>   |
|  |    |       | \$1365* |

Of the above sum, \$278 96 have been loaned to three young men, members of Washington College, each of whom, it is believed, will become a Clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

The Directors repeat, this is but a beginning ; but they hope it is one, which will lead to the most happy results in regard to the Church, not only in time but in eternity. There are other young men for whom the Directors would gladly furnish the same means, were it in their power, and for which they confidently look to their brethren to afford, from the abundance with which God hath blessed them. A small contribution to the funds of this Institution will perhaps go farther, in the great work of *doing good*, than if thrown into almost any other channel of benevolence.

If for some three or four years to come, there should be added to the funds annually no more than the amount raised during the past year, it will be seen that ten or eleven scholars could be carried, under the circumstances contemplated, through their collegiate course, while the same sum if expended on gratuitous education, as a mere charity, would not support more than one fourth of that number, and with no further prospect of being useful to others.

Believing they have need only to state thus briefly the wants, the objects and the expectations of the Society to secure a more extensive co-operation with ourselves for its interests, among the friends of the Church, the Directors desire to commend their cause to *the Lord of the harvest*, beseeching Him, by his Holy Spirit to *put into all our minds good desires*, and by His continual help to *bring the same to good effect*, through the same Jesus our blessed Lord and Saviour.

By order of the Board of Directors,

T. C. BROWNELL, *President*.

Hartford, May 21, 1828.

\* In addition to the above which was subscribed to the Parent Society, the Treasurer has recently acknowledged the receipt of *Fifty* dollars from the *Hartford Female Society, Auxiliary* to the *C. S. Society*, a circumstance which the Directors mention with great pleasure, not only as indicating the interest taken in the objects which we have at heart, but as an earnest of the aid which future Auxiliary Societies may pour into our treasury. The statement of the Treasury, stands then as follows :

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Donation of the Hartford Female Auxiliary, | \$50   |
| Subscriptions to the Parent Society,       | 1365   |
|  | <hr/>  |
| Whole amount,                              | \$1415 |

The business of the Convention was then resumed.

On motion by the Rev. B. G. Noble—

*Resolved*, That His Excellency Gideon Tomlinson, Governor of this State, be admitted to a seat in this Convention.

Agreeably to the above resolution, the Governor was admitted to the sittings of the Convention.

Dr. John S. Peters, Lieutenant Governor of this State, presented his testimonials as a delegate from the parish at Hebron, and took his seat in Convention.

The Rev. H. Croswell, by the request of Wm. McCrackan, Esq. Treasurer of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, read the following report of the state of the funds, which was accepted: (*See Appendix No. I.*)

The Rev. Mr. Croswell, by the request of Wm. McCrackan, Esq. Treasurer of the Convention, presented the following report of the state of the fund, which was read and accepted: (*See Appendix No. II.*)

On motion by the Rev. A. Baldwin—

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to nominate the officers of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge.

The Rev. Messrs. A. Baldwin and B. G. Noble, were appointed on this committee.

The Convention adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

*St. Paul's Church, 2 o'clock, P. M.*

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion—*Resolved*, That the Convention now proceed to transact the business of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge.

The Rev. B. G. Noble, from the committee appointed to nominate officers for the Society, reported the following nominations:—

Rt. Rev. T. C. BROWNELL, D. D. L. L. D. (*Ex Officio*) President.

Rev. DANIEL BURHANS, 1st Vice President.

Hon. SAMUEL W. JOHNSON, 2d Vice President.

JOHN BEACH, Esq. Recording Secretary.

Rev. HARRY CROSWELL, Corresponding Secretary.

WILLIAM M'CRACKAN, Esq. Treasurer.

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JEREMY HOADLY, Esq.

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LYMAN BREWER, Esq.

JAMES M. GOODWIN, Esq.

GILBERT TOTTEN, Esq.

Hon. SAMUEL CHURCH.

These persons were then appointed by the vote of the Convention to the respective offices to which they were nominated by the committee.

The Bishop named the following committee on the resolutions of this Convention concerning Cheshire Academy :

Wm. H. Imlay, James Ward, and Wm. R. Hitchcock, Esqrs.

The Canon for the regulating and maintenance of cures, reported by the committee on the state of the Parishes, was called up, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Hull, and adopted.

On motion, by the Rev. B. G. Noble, the order arranging the parishes into Cures, accompanying the above canon, was taken up and adopted.

The following is the order of the Convention, fixing the several Cures in this Diocese.

In obedience to the Canon, for the regulation and maintenance of Cures it is hereby determined and declared, that from and after Easter Monday, 1828, the following shall constitute the limits of the several Cures within the diocese :—

|                   |                            |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Stamford, }       | Middle-Haddam,             |
| Greenwich, }      | Hartford,                  |
| Darien, }         | Warehousepoint,            |
| Norwalk,          | Glastenbury,               |
| Wilton, }         | Simsbury, }                |
| Ridgefield, }     | Granby, }                  |
| New-Canaan, }     | Litchfield,                |
| Bridgeport,       | Salisbury, }               |
| Fairfield, }      | Canaan, }                  |
| Weston, }         | Plymouth, and E. Plymouth, |
| Stratford,        | Watertown, }               |
| Huntington,       | Northfield, }              |
| Newtown,          | Woodbury, }                |
| Brookfield,       | Bethlehem, }               |
| Reading, }        | Roxbury, }                 |
| Danbury, }        | New-Milford, }             |
| Trumbull, }       | Bridgewater, }             |
| Monroe, }         | New-Preston, }             |
| Derby, }          | Milton, }                  |
| Humphreysville, } | Washington, }              |
| Woodbridge,       | Kent, }                    |
| Oxford,           | Sharon, }                  |
| Waterbury, }      | Cheshire,                  |
| Salem, }          |                            |

op Brownell's letter, accepting his appointment, under the circumstances just named, completed the contract between the parties; whereby the Diocese became bound to cause to be paid to him 1,500 dollars a year, for the maintenance of his family, while he continued in the discharge of his Episcopal duties. Since that time, the Treasurer has paid him what he was authorized by his duty to pay. The annexed statement will shew that all, which could with propriety be paid, has been considerably less than what we covenanted,—that there has been every year a deficiency in the sum we bound ourselves to raise for his support,—and that the combined amount of this deficiency, for the period of between eight and nine years that the Bishop has resided with us, and computing to the end of the present half year, is \$2730 01, without stopping to compute interest thereon; which, if we were able, it would be as much our duty to pay as the principal,—since the party, not fulfilling his contract, is bound of course to make good to the other, the evils which arise from his own non-performance.

If, by the blessing of Divine Providence, our Fund should ever be so productive as to yield an income greater than the amount we have stipulated to pay the Bishop, the Treasurer would feel it his duty to pay him the excess, and, while he held the office, continue to do so, until such time as we had performed to the letter the amount of obligation we had contracted. This might even now be the case, if the delinquent parishes in our Diocese, which as yet have contributed nothing towards this laudable object, would learn, from the example of their more liberal brethren, to “go, and do likewise.” Of these, the names of twenty-nine can be found, who are delinquents to this day, in the list furnished the Convention, and printed in its Journal for 1817. We certainly have a claim on the justice of these, which they ought not longer to neglect to fulfil, and the force of which is augmented by the consideration of the losses we have sustained, as before recited.

Whether any measures can be adopted, by which the further collection of funds can be made from those, whose duty it is to contribute in an equal proportion with others who have already given, is left for the wisdom of the Convention to decide. The Treasurer has felt it his duty, however, to lay the subject before the Convention, and to exhibit to them the inadequacy, to a certain extent, of the existing provision to fulfil the object for which it was intended.

C. SIGOURNEY, *Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund.*

Hartford, Conn. June 2, 1828.

*Statement, shewing the amounts which have been paid to Bishop BROWNELL, since October 26, 1819, contrasted with the amounts which ought to have been paid him.*

| Payments made in |             | Amount of salary to |             | Short pay. |
|------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|------------|
| 1819,            | \$100       | Jan. 1, 1820,       | \$275 34    | \$175 34   |
| 1820,            | 1093        | " " 1821,           | 1500        | 407        |
| 1821,            | 1166        | " " 1822,           | 1500        | 334        |
| 1822,            | 1185        | " " 1823,           | 1500        | 315        |
| 1823,            | 1311 64     | " " 1824,           | 1500        | 188 36     |
| 1824,            | 1409 18     | " " 1825,           | 1500        | 90 82      |
| 1825,            | 1276 29     | " " 1826,           | 1500        | 233 71     |
| 1826,            | 882         | " " 1827,           | 1500        | 618        |
| 1827,            | 1127 29     | " " 1828,           | 1500        | 372 71     |
| 1828.            | 744 93      | July 1, 1828,       | 750         | 5 07       |
|                  | <hr/>       |                     | <hr/>       | <hr/>      |
|                  | \$10,295 34 |                     | \$13,025 33 | \$2730 01  |

The above report was ordered to be printed in the Journal of the Convention.

On motion by the Rev. B. G. Noble—

*Resolved*, That a committee of five Laymen be appointed on the report of the Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund, with discretionary powers; and that said committee be requested to report to the next Convention such arrangements on the subject, generally, connected with the report of the Treasurer, as they may deem it expedient to make.

Nathan Smith, Wm. Moseley, Charles Sigourney, and Wm. H. Imlay, Esqrs. and Capt. Henry L. DeKoven, were appointed on the above committee.

On motion—The thanks of the Convention were returned to the President and Secretaries for their services.

On motion—*Resolved*, That this Convention adjourn, *sine die*, after prayers and benediction from the Bishop.

The Convention accordingly adjourned.

T. C. BROWNELL, *President*.

B. G. NOBLE, *Secretary*.



## APPENDIX.

### (NO. I.)

*The Episcopal Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, in  
account with Wm. McCrackan,*

DR.

| 1827.    |  |     |     |  |  | dols. | cts. |
|----------|--|-----|-----|--|--|-------|------|
| June 8.  | To cash paid Rev. Mr. Glover, for missionary services, |     |     |  |  | 18    | 00   |
| "        | do. do. Mr. Kellogg,                                   | do. | do. |  |  | 75    | 00   |
| "        | do. do. Mr. Peck,                                      | do. | do. |  |  | 50    | 00   |
| Aug. 12. | do. do. S. Beach,                                      | do. | do. |  |  | 50    | 00   |
| 1828.    |  |     |     |  |  |       |      |
| Jan. 12. | do. do. W. Shelton,                                    | do. | do. |  |  | 50    | 00   |
| "        | do. do. Postage,                                       |     |     |  |  |       | 06   |
| Feb. 4.  | do. do. A. Steele,                                     | do. | do. |  |  | 50    | 00   |
| May 16.  | do. do. D. Somers,                                     | do. | do. |  |  | 25    | 00   |
| June 2.  | Balance due from Wm. McCrackan,                        |     |     |  |  | 447   | 19   |
|          |  |     |     |  |  | \$765 | 25   |

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| 1827.   |   |  |  |  |  | dols. | cts. |
|---------|---|--|--|--|--|-------|------|
| June 4. | By balance due from Wm. McCrackan, including \$200 per-     |  |  |  |  | 331   | 19   |
| " .8    | manent fund,  |  |  |  |  |       | 625  |
|         | By cash from Epis. Missionary Soc'y, Wilton,                |  |  |  |  |       | 100  |
|         | do. collected at Woodbridge,                                |  |  |  |  |       | 847  |
|         | do. do. Middletown,   |  |  |  |  |       | 548  |
|         | do. do. Guilford,   |  |  |  |  |       | 1160 |
|         | do. do. Norwalk,  |  |  |  |  |       | 1000 |
|         | do. do. Stratford,  |  |  |  |  |       | 454  |
|         | do. do. Norwich,  |  |  |  |  |       | 2425 |
|         | do. from Church Miss'y Soc'y, Waterbury,                    |  |  |  |  |       | 1296 |
|         | do. do. Gent. Aux'y Soc'y, Norwich,                         |  |  |  |  |       | 1175 |
|         | do. do. Ladies' do. do. do.                                 |  |  |  |  |       | 3675 |
|         | do. collected at Hartford during the sitting of Convention, |  |  |  |  |       | 3850 |
|         | do. from Female Aux'y Soc'y, Hartford,                      |  |  |  |  |       | 250  |
|         | do. collected at Middle-Haddam,                             |  |  |  |  |       | 700  |
|         | do. do. St. Peter's, Plymouth,                              |  |  |  |  |       | 550  |
|         | do. do. Essex,  |  |  |  |  |       | 350  |
|         | do. do. Pauquetanuck,                                       |  |  |  |  |       | 300  |
|         | do. do. Brooklyn,   |  |  |  |  |       | 610  |
|         | do. do. Sharon,   |  |  |  |  |       | 1200 |
|         | do. do. Bridgeport,   |  |  |  |  |       | 2075 |
|         | do. from Female Aux'y Soc'y, Bridgeport,                    |  |  |  |  |       | 950  |
|         | do. collected at New-London,                                |  |  |  |  |       | 361  |
|         | do. do. Fairfield,  |  |  |  |  |       | 450  |
|         | do. do. Salisbury,  |  |  |  |  |       | 1337 |
|         | do. do. Newtown,  |  |  |  |  |       | 500  |
|         | do. do. Simsbury,   |  |  |  |  |       |      |

Amount carried forward \$599 07

|          |  |                                |          |
|----------|--|--------------------------------|----------|
| 1827.    |  | <i>Amount brought forward,</i> | 599 07   |
| June 8.  | By cash collected at Granby,                               |                                | 5 00     |
| "        | do. do. Wolcott,   |                                | 1 50     |
| " 29.    | do. from Aux'y Soc'y, Hartford,                            |                                | 39 00    |
| " 30.    | do. collected at Branford,                                 |                                | 2 78     |
| 1828.    |  |                                |          |
| Jan. 12. | do. interest on permanent fund,                            |                                | 12 00    |
| May 26.  | do. collected at New-Haven,                                |                                | 50 00    |
| " 31.    | do. from Y'g Men's Miss'y Soc'y, Norwich, by Bp. Brownell, |                                | 14 00    |
|          | do. do. Ladies' Miss'y Soc'y, do. do.                      |                                | 11 00    |
|          | do. do. Parish of Brookfield, do.                          |                                | 9 00     |
|          | do. do. New-Canaan, do.                                    |                                | 7 00     |
|          | do. do. Chatham, do.                                       |                                | 9 90     |
| June 2.  | do. do. West-Haven, by Rev. Mr. Potter,                    |                                | 3 00     |
| "        | do. do. East-Haven, do. do.                                |                                | 2 00     |
|          |  |                                | <hr/>    |
|          |  |                                | \$765 25 |
| June 2.  | By balance in the hands of the Treasurer, including \$200  |                                |          |
| "        | permanent fund,  |                                | 447 19   |
| "        | Cash from Hartford Aux'y Soc'y,                            |                                | 77 50    |
| "        | do. collected at Hartford,                                 |                                | 23 11    |
|          |  |                                | <hr/>    |
|          |  |                                | \$547 80 |

*Received at Convention.*

|         |  |          |
|---------|--|----------|
| June 4. | From Derby,  | 1 50     |
|         | Humphreysville,                                      | 1 25     |
|         | St. John's, Stamford,                                | 10 67    |
|         | Stratford,   | 20 67    |
|         | Trinity Church, Fairfield,                           | 9 00     |
|         | Sharon,  | 5 00     |
|         | Wilton,  | 6 50     |
|         | Salisbury,   | 3 00     |
|         | St. Peter's, Plymouth,                               | 8 28     |
|         | St. Peter's, Hebron,                                 | 3 11     |
|         | Waterbury,   | 20 00    |
|         | Wallingford,   | 2 00     |
|         | Glastenbury,   | 4 67     |
|         | Newtown,   | 20 00    |
|         | Bridgeport,  | 15 00    |
|         | Guilford,  | 5 40     |
|         | North-Guilford,                                      | 3 62     |
|         | New-London,  | 12 18    |
|         | East-Haddam,   | 4 00     |
|         | Cheshire,  | 2 00     |
|         | Norwich, (by Rev. B. G. Noble,)                      | 39 65    |
|         | Collection at Norwalk, during session of Convention, | 26 24    |
|         |  | <hr/>    |
|         |  | \$771 64 |

**(NO. II.)***Convention Fund in account with Wm. McCrackan,*

|         |   | Dr.        |
|---------|---|------------|
| 1827.   |   | dols. cts. |
| June 8. | To cash paid Rev. Mr. Noble's bill,                                 | 3 00       |
| July 7. | do. do. Wm. D. Starr's bill, for printing Journal of<br>Convention, | 43 00      |
| 1828.   |   |            |
| June 2. | do. paid for postage,   | 06         |
|         | Balance in the hands of the Treasurer,                              | 18 31      |
|         |   | <hr/>      |
|         |   | \$64 37    |

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|         |  | dols. | cts. |
|---------|--|-------|------|
| 1827.   |  |       |      |
| June 4. | By balance due the Fund in the hands of the Treasurer, | 22    | 99   |
| " 8.    | Cash from Ridgefield,                                  |       | 50   |
|         | Middletown,  | 3     | 50   |
|         | Trumbull,  | 1     | 50   |
|         | Wilton,  | 1     | 50   |
|         | Stratford,   | 2     | 00   |
|         | New-Haven,   | 6     | 00   |
|         | Norwich,   | 2     | 50   |
|         | Middle-Haddam,   | 1     | 00   |
|         | Killingworth,  | 1     | 00   |
|         | Sharon,  | 1     | 00   |
|         | East-Haddam,   | 1     | 00   |
|         | Salisbury,   | 1     | 00   |
|         | Essex,   | 1     | 00   |
|         | Newtown,   | 2     | 75   |
|         | Meriden,   | 1     | 00   |
|         | Chatham,   | 2     | 38   |
|         | Hartford,  | 5     | 00   |
|         | Waterbury,   | 1     | 50   |
|         | Plymouth,  | 1     | 75   |
|         | Glastenbury,   | 1     | 00   |
|         | Derby,   | 1     | 25   |
|         | Humphreysville,  | 1     | 25   |
|         |  | \$64  | 37   |
| June 2. | By balance in the hands of the Treasurer,              | 18    | 31   |

*Received at Conventions*

|         |                           |      |    |
|---------|---------------------------|------|----|
| June 4. | From Reading, (for 1827,) | 1    | 25 |
|         | Reading, (for 1828,)      | 1    | 25 |
|         | Sharon,                   | 1    | 00 |
|         | Wilton,                   | 1    | 50 |
|         | Ridgefield,               |      | 50 |
|         | Salisbury,                | 1    | 00 |
|         | Wallingford,              | 1    | 00 |
|         | Waterbury,                | 1    | 50 |
|         | New-Haven,                | 6    | 00 |
|         | New-Preston,              | 1    | 25 |
|         | New-London,               | 3    | 00 |
|         | Plymouth,                 | 1    | 75 |
|         | Guilford,                 | 1    | 25 |
|         | East-Haddam,              | 1    | 00 |
|         | Cheshire,                 | 1    | 00 |
|         | Hebron,                   | 1    | 25 |
|         | Bridgeport,               | 3    | 00 |
|         | New-Milford,              | 2    | 50 |
|         | Hartford,                 | 5    | 00 |
|         | Stratford,                | 2    | 00 |
|         | Newtown,                  | 2    | 75 |
|         | Norwalk,                  | 3    | 00 |
|         | Essex,                    | 1    | 00 |
|         | Danbury, (1827,)          | 1    | 25 |
|         | do. (1828,)               | 1    | 25 |
|         | Fairfield,                | 1    | 50 |
|         | Brooklyn and Pomfret,     | 1    | 00 |
|         |                           | \$68 | 06 |

**CONSTITUTION**  
**OF THE**  
**PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,**  
**IN THE**  
*Diocese of Connecticut.*

[Made in Convention, June, 1821—And adopted by more than three-fourths  
of the Parishes.]

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*Article 1.* There shall be a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in this State, on the first Wednesday of June, in each year, at such place as shall have been determined upon by the Bishop ; and in case of vacancy in the Episcopate, by the Standing Committee.

*Art. 2.* The Protestant Episcopal Church in Connecticut, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, accedes to, recognizes and adopts the General Constitution of that Church, and acknowledges its authority accordingly.

*Art. 3.* Every Convention shall be opened with prayer, and the celebration of the Lord's Supper.—And it shall be the duty of the Bishop, either to deliver a charge, or sermon, or to appoint one of his clergy to preach, at the opening of each Convention :—and in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee shall appoint.

*Art. 4.* The Bishop shall preside in Convention ; but in case of absence, or of vacancy in the Episcopate, the oldest presbyter present shall preside.

*Art. 5.* The Bishop shall have power to call a special Convention, when he may judge it conducive to the good of the Church ; or when applied to for that purpose, by the Standing Committee, or five presbyters. And in case of vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee shall have power to call a special Convention.

*Art. 6.* The Convention shall be composed of both Clergymen and Laymen. Every officiating minister of this Church, regularly appointed to the charge of a congregation, in union with this Convention ; ministers employed as Missionaries, under the appointment of the Ecclesiastical Authority ; clerical instructors of youth, in any Seminary of learning in this state, constituted by civil or ecclesiastical authority ; and ministers whom age, or infirmities prevent from exercising their clerical functions ; shall be members of this Con-

vention. Each parish in this state, which shall have been received into union with the Convention, shall be entitled to a representation in Convention, by one delegate ; and if it shall consist of more than fifty families, by two ; to be chosen by the parish. But before any delegate shall take his seat, he shall produce a certificate of his appointment, signed by the wardens, or parish Clerk. And one third of the members of the clerical order, and twenty members of the lay order, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business ; but a smaller number may adjourn.

*Art. 7.* The Clergy and Laity in Convention shall deliberate in one body ; and on every question a majority of the votes of those present, shall decide :—But if upon any question, it be required by five members, the two orders shall vote thereon separately, and a concurrence of a majority of each order shall be necessary to give validity to any measure.

*Art. 8.* When the Episcopate of this Diocese shall become vacant by death, or otherwise, the Standing Committee shall call a special Convention, within three months from the time when such vacancy shall happen, at Hartford or New-Haven. And the time and place shall be notified in three or more respectable newspapers in this state, at least four weeks previous to said meeting ; when the Convention may proceed to an election, or adjourn to such time and place as may be deemed expedient.

*Art. 9.* The election of a Bishop of this Diocese, shall be in the following manner ;—The two orders shall separate, and the order of the clergy shall choose, by ballot, some fit and qualified presbyter, for that office ; and thereupon, such choice shall be communicated to the order of lay-delegates ; and if, on ballot, the person so chosen is approved by the lay order, he shall be declared to be duly elected. —In the above mentioned election, a majority of each order shall determine a choice ; provided, that two-thirds of all the clergy entitled to vote, be present ; and two thirds of all the congregations entitled to vote, be represented ;—otherwise, two-thirds of the votes of each order present, shall be necessary to determine a choice.

*Art. 10.* A Secretary shall be chosen immediately upon the opening of the Annual Convention, from the clerical members thereof. It shall be his duty to take minutes of their proceedings, to preserve their journals and records, to attest the public acts of the body, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of his successor, all books and proceedings relative to the concerns of the Church, which may be in his possession. And it shall also be his duty to notify, through the channel of such public prints, as may be designated by the ecclesiastical authority, the time and place appointed for the meeting of the succeeding, or special Convention.

*Art. 11.* The Standing Committee shall be elected at the Annual Convention ; and shall be composed of five clerical members, who shall be rectors of parishes, or instructors of some Seminary institu-

ted by the ecclesiastical or civil authority of this state. The first member elected, shall be president ; and at their first meeting, which shall always be on the day of their election, they shall appoint a Secretary, who shall keep a journal of their proceedings, subject to the inspection of the Convention. Any three of the Committee, (the whole having been summoned,) shall be a quorum, except for such purposes as, agreeably to their own rules, or the canon of the General Convention, may require a larger number.

*Art. 12.* The Secretary and Standing Committee of this Convention, shall be appointed by ballot, and shall continue in office until their successors shall have been appointed.

*Art. 13.* A Treasurer shall be appointed by the Convention, to continue in office during their pleasure ; and it shall be his duty to receive and manage all funds, which may at any time belong to this Convention ; and to lay before the Convention an annual statement of all such funds.

*Art. 14.* Each order in Convention shall appoint delegates to the General Convention by ballot ; and the delegates thus appointed and confirmed by the concurrent vote of both orders in Convention, shall continue in office three years, or the time that may intervene between the stated meetings of the General Convention.

*Art. 15.* No clergyman shall be suspended, or receive any public censure, from the Bishop, or Standing Committee of this Diocese, without having been adjudged thereto, in the way to be provided for by canon.

*Art. 16.* This Constitution shall be unalterable, except in the following manner :—A proposition for amendment shall be introduced in writing, and considered in Convention ; and if approved of, shall lie over to the next Annual Convention ; and if again approved of in the next Annual Convention, by two-thirds of each order voting thereon separately, the amendment shall take place, and the Constitution so altered shall be valid and obligatory.

*Art. 17.* The foregoing Constitution shall be printed, and submitted to the consideration of the several parishes in this Diocese, for their approbation ; and if approved of by three-fourths of said parishes, in their Annual Meetings, the evidence of which shall be by certificates, under the hands of the Clerks of the several parishes, the same shall become the Constitution of the Episcopal Church of this Diocese.

**CANONS**  
OF THE  
**PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,**  
IN THE  
**DIOCESE OF CONNECTICUT.**

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**CANON I.—***Concerning Parochial Registers and Reports.* (1826.)

In order to give effect to the 40th Canon of the General Convention, it is hereby required, that every minister of this Church shall keep a record of all the Baptisms, Marriages, and Funerals solemnized by him, specifying the names of the parties married, the names of the persons baptized, and of the persons buried, and the time when each rite was performed. He shall also keep a Register of the names of the persons confirmed, of the communicants, and of the families belonging to his parish. And it shall be the duty of every minister to report to the Annual Convention, an abstract of said registers, together with a written account of the state of the parish.

**CANON II.—***Providing for the Convention Fund.* (1825.)

The several Parishes in this Diocese shall annually pay to the Convention Fund, at the rate of fifty cents on every one hundred dollars paid to their respective clergymen, as their annual salary.

**CANON III.—***Declaring the offences, for which a Clergyman may be brought to trial.* (1825.)

Disorderly and immoral conduct, vicious or unseemly diversions, neglect of duty, disregard to the constitution and canons of the General or State Convention, a deviation from the rubrics, and disseminating or countenancing opinions which are contrary to the doctrines of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, are offences for which a clergyman may be brought to trial.

**CANON IV.—***Of the manner in which a Clergyman shall be brought to trial.* (1825.)

In order to bring a Clergyman to trial before an ecclesiastical court, a charge shall be made in the first place to the Standing Committee, in writing, under the proper signature of at least two persons, one of whom shall be a presbyter of this Diocese. And if the Standing Committee shall deem the offence charged, as coming within the offences enumerated in the canons of the Diocese of Connecticut, or of the General Convention, they shall present the same to the Bishop, in the following form :

*To A. B. Bishop of the Diocese of Connecticut—*

The Standing Committee of this Diocese respectfully represent,

that C. D. has been accused, under the hand of E. F. and G. H. of [here recite the charge or charges], and the Committee are of opinion, that there is sufficient ground for presenting the said C. D. for trial, agreeably to the canons in such case made and provided.

[Signed by the Standing Committee]

Whereupon the Bishop shall summon nine presbyters to meet, at some time, not within ninety days, at some place within the county where the accused shall reside or officiate, for the time being; five of whom shall be sufficient to constitute a court for the trial of the charge or charges. If more than five of the persons summoned shall appear, the accused may object to any individual over that number, at his own discretion. If no objection be made, the whole number present shall sit on the trial.

The Bishop shall forthwith give notice to the Standing Committee, of the time and place of the meeting of the court. And the Standing Committee shall act as prosecutors in the case; and at least sixty days before the trial, shall furnish the accused with a copy of the presentment—notice of the time and place of trial—and a specification of the facts on which they expect to maintain the charges. And the accused, at least thirty days before the trial, shall furnish the Standing Committee with a statement of the grounds of his defence, on each specification.

At the time fixed for the trial, the members of the court shall choose a President from their own number, and a Secretary, either from their own number or otherwise, as they shall see fit; and they shall, before they proceed, adopt and declare the rules by which the trial shall be conducted: Provided, however, that no layman shall act as advocate for either party on the trial; though both parties may, at their option, employ or consult legal or other advisers.

If the accused shall neglect or refuse to appear, or to answer to the charges in the manner herein prescribed, the court shall order judgment to be entered against him, by default. But if he shall appear, the court shall proceed to a fair and impartial hearing of the whole matter, and shall adjudge him *guilty* or *not guilty*, according to the evidence: and if guilty, the sentence which, in their opinion, ought to be pronounced.

The Secretary shall keep a record of all the proceedings—containing a copy of the presentment—of the specifications—of the notice to the accused, and of his answer—with a statement of all the evidence, both oral and written—and the final judgment of the court: And an attested copy of this record shall be forthwith delivered to the Bishop. If the judgment be, *not guilty*, the Bishop shall give a certificate of *acquittal* to the accused, embracing a copy of the presentment and specifications: and the accused shall not be subjected to a second trial on the same facts. If the court judge him *guilty*, on one or more points at issue, the Bishop may disapprove the judgment, and order a new trial, stating his grounds for such decision: or he may

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approve the judgment ; and in that case he shall, within thirty days, proceed to such ecclesiastical censure, as the case may, in his opinion, require—whether it be admonition, suspension, or degradation from the ministry.

**CANON V.**—*Concerning the manner in which Clergymen are to take charge of Parishes and their separation from them.* (1826.)

No clergyman shall take the charge of any parish in this Diocese, without having first obtained the written permission of the Bishop, or in case there be no Bishop, of the Standing Committee of the Diocese. Nor shall any clergyman having the charge of a parish, relinquish the same without the written permission of the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, of the Standing Committee. And every violation of this Canon shall constitute an offence for which a clergyman may be tried under the canon of 1825, providing for the trial of clergymen.

**CANON VI.**—*Providing for the preservation of the records of the Standing Committee.* (1826)

It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Standing Committee to prepare an abstract of their proceedings, from year to year, and present the same to the Convention at its annual meeting. The abstract shall specify the time and place of each meeting of the committee, during the year—the number present—the names of the candidates presented for admission, with the decision of the committee in each case—and the substance of all other matters which shall be brought before them, and such abstract shall be entered on the journals of the Convention, and published therewith.

**CANON VII.**—*Concerning collections for the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge.*

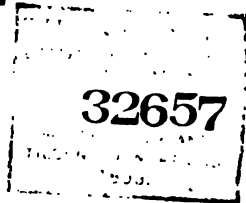
It shall be the duty of the Rector and Wardens, or of the Wardens where there is no Rector, of every parish in the Diocese, to make an annual collection for the benefit of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge.

**CANON VIII.**—*For the regulation and maintenance of Cures.* (1828.)

It shall be the duty of the Convention, from time to time, to examine and declare the limits of the several cures within the Diocese—and in the settlement and maintenance of clergymen, the several parishes shall steadily adhere to such arrangement, except in cases of imperious necessity, and with the advice and consent of the ecclesiastical authority.—And any parish refusing to acquiesce in such arrangement, shall, while such refusal continues, be thereby excluded from representation in the Convention. And further, no clergyman of this Diocese shall accept a settlement in any of the Parishes in this State which may refuse to acquiesce in the arrangement of the Convention as to cures, unless for special causes, it may seem good to the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese to dispense with the provisions of this canon.

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OF THE

## **ANNUAL CONVENTION**

OF THE

### **PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,**

IN THE

### **DIOCESE OF CONNECTICUT,**

HELD IN

**CHRIST CHURCH, HARTFORD,**

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 3D, AND THURSDAY JUNE 4TH,**

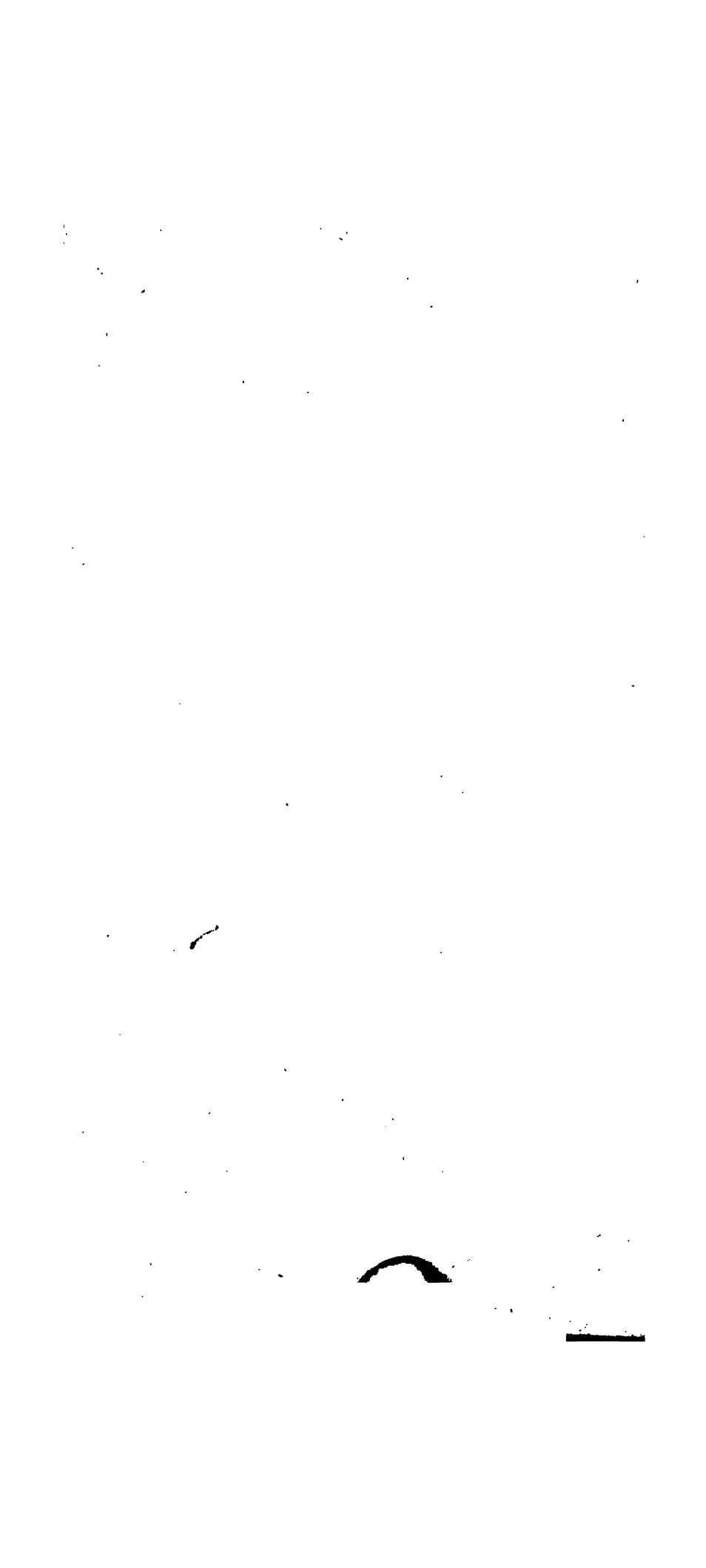
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LIST OF THE  
**CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF CONNECTICUT.**  
 JUNE, 1829.

- The Right Rev. THOMAS C. BROWNELL, D. D. L. L. D., Bishop,  
 and President of Washington College, Hartford.
- The Rev. GEORGE B. ANDREWS, Rector of St. John's Church, Kent,  
 and St. Paul's Church, Sharon, residing at Armenia.
- The Rev. ASHBEL BALDWIN, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Walling-  
 ford.
- The Rev. DAVID BALDWIN, Rector of Christ Church, Guilford, and  
 St. John's Church, North Guilford.
- The Rev. WILLIAM BARLOW, Agent and Corresponding Secretary  
 of the ~~Connecticut~~ Church Scholarship Society, Hartford.
- The Rev. STEPHEN BEACH, Rector of St. John's Church, Salisbury.
- The Rev. DAVID BELDEN, residing at Wilton.
- The Rev. BENJAMIN BENHAM, residing in Brookfield.
- The Rev. SOLOMON BLAKESLEY.
- The Rev. NATHANIEL B. BURGESS, residing at Preston.
- The Rev. DANIEL BURNANS, Rector of Trinity Church, Newtown.
- The Rev. PETER G. CLARK, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, East-  
 Haddam, and Union Church, North Killingworth.
- The Rev. JOSEPH T. CLARK, officiating in Christ Church, Wood-  
 bridge, and at Amity.
- The Rev. ASA CORNWALL, residing at Cheshire.
- The Rev. JOSEPH S. COVELL, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Brook-  
 field.
- The Rev. HARRY CROSWELL, Rector of Trinity Church, New Haven.
- The Rev. WILLIAM A. CURTIS, Rector of St. Peter's Church, and  
 Christ Church, Oxford.
- The Rev. PALMER DYER, Editor of the Episcopal Watchman, Hart-  
 ford.
- The Rev. HARRY FINCH, Minister of St. James' Church, Preston.
- The Rev. SAMUEL FULLER, JR., Tutor in Washington College,  
 Hartford.
- The Rev. JOHN M. GARFIELD, Principal of a Ladies' Academy,  
 New Haven, and officiating in Hampden.
- The Rev. ALPHEUS GEER, Rector of St. John's Church, Waterbu-  
 ry, and — Church, Salem.
- The Rev. FRANCIS L. HAWKS, Assistant Rector of Trinity Church,  
 New Haven.
- The Rev. FREDERICK HOLCOMB, Rector of the Churches in Water-  
 town and Northfield.
- The Rev. ORIGEN P. HOLCOMB, Rector of St. Matthew's Church,  
 Wilton, and — Church, Ridgefield.
- The Rev. LEMUEL B. HULL, Rector of St. James' Church, Danbu-  
 ry, and Christ Church, Reading.
- The Rev. HECTOR HUMPHREYS, Professor of Languages in Wash-  
 ington College, Hartford, and Rector of St. Luke's Church, Glasten-  
 bury.

The Rev. ENOCH HUNTINGTON, Rector of St. John's Church, New-Milford.

The Rev. REUBEN IVES, residing at Cheshire.

The Rev. WM. JARVIS, Rector of Trinity Church, Chatham.

The Rev. STEPHEN JEWETT, Rector of St. James' Church, Derby, and Union Church, Humphreysville.

The Rev. ISAAC JONES, residing at Litchfield.

The Rev. HENRY R. JUDAH, Rector of St. John's Church, Bridgeport.

The Rev. BETHEL JUDD, Rector of St. John's Church, New London.

The Rev. WM. H. JUDD, Missionary to Tallahassee, Florida.

The Rev. JAMES KEELER, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Meriden, and — Church, Southington.

The Rev. EZRA B. KELLOGG, Rector of Trinity Church, Brooklyn, and — Church, Pomfret.

The Rev. WM. LUCAS, Rector of the Churches of Woodbury and Washington.

The Rev. TRUMAN MARSH, Rector of the associated Churches in Litchfield.

The Rev. SMITH MILES, residing at Chatham.

The Rev. BIRDSEY G. NOBLE.

The Rev. SETH B. PADDOCK, Rector of Christ Church, Norwich.

The Rev. JOSEPH PERRY, residing at New Haven.

The Rev. NORMAN PINNEY, adjunct Professor of Languages in Washington College, Hartford.

The Rev. HORATIO POTTER, Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy in Washington College, Hartford.

The Rev. WM. T. POTTER, Rector of Trinity Church, Branford, Christ Church, East Haven, and — Church, West Haven.

The Rev. CHAUNCEY PRINDLE, residing at Oxford.

The Rev. SMITH PYNE, Rector of Christ Church, Middletown.

The Rev. RODNEY ROSSITER, Rector of the Churches in Munroe and Trumbull.

The Rev. WM. SHELTON, Rector of St. John's Church, Fairfield.

The Rev. GEORGE C. SHEPARD, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Hebron.

The Rev. REUBEN SHERWOOD, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Norwalk.

The Rev. DANIEL SOMERS, Rector of — Church, New Canaan, residing at Norwalk.

The Rev. ASHBEL STEELE, residing at Stratford.

The Rev. AMBROSE S. TODD, Rector of St. John's Church, Stamford.

The Rev. RANSOM WARNER, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Simsbury, and St. Paul's Church, Granby.

The Rev. NATHANIEL S. WHEATON, Rector of Christ Church Hartford.

The Rev. GEORGE S. WHITE, residing at Canterbury.

The Rev. MILTON WILCOX, residing in Simsbury.

Number of Clergymen in the Diocese, 59.

## LIST OF THE PARISHES

OF THE

*Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Connecticut, 1892*

### HARTFORD COUNTY.

*Hartford*, Christ Church.  
*Glastenbury*, St. Luke's Church.  
*Simsbury*, St. Andrew's Church.  
*Granby*, St. Peter's Church.  
*East-Windsor*, (*Warehousepoint*), St. John's Church.  
*Southington*, ——— Church.  
*Hitchcockville*, Union Church.

### WINDHAM COUNTY.

*Brooklyn*, Trinity Church.  
*Canterbury*, St. Thomas' Church.  
*Pomfret*, ——— Church.

### TOLLAND COUNTY.

*Hebron*, St. Peter's Church.

### NEW-LONDON COUNTY.

*New-London*, St. James' Church.  
*Norwich*, Christ Church.  
\**Preston*, (*Pauquetanuck*), St. James' Church.

### MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

*Middletown*, Christ Church.  
\**Chatham*, Trinity Church.  
\**Middle Haddam*, Christ Church.  
*East-Haddam*, St. Stephen's Church.  
*Saybrook*, (*Essex*), St. John's Church.  
*North Killingworth*, Union Church.

### NEW-HAVEN COUNTY.

*New-Haven*, Trinity Church.  
*Guilford*, Christ Church.  
\**North-Guilford*, St. John's Church.  
*Branford*, Trinity Church.  
\**North-Branford*, ——— Church.  
*East-Haven*, Christ Church.  
*North-Haven*, Trinity Church.  
\**Northford*, St. Michael's Church.  
*Wallingford*, St. Paul's Church.  
*Cheshire*, St. Peter's Church.  
*Meriden*, St. Andrew's Church.  
\**Hampden*, Grace Church.  
*West-Haven*, ——— Church.

\* *Milford*, St. George's Church.  
*Derby*, St. John's Church.  
*Humphreysville*, Union Church.  
 \* *Oxford*, { St. Peter's Church.  
                   { Christ Church.  
*Waterbury*, St. John's Church.  
*Salem*, ——— Church.  
 \* *Woodbridge*, Christ Church.

## FAIRFIELD COUNTY.

*Stratford*, Christ Church.  
 \* *Bridgeport*, St. John's Church.  
*Fairfield*, Trinity Church.  
*Weston*, ——— Church.  
*Norwalk*, St. Paul's Church.  
*Stamford*, St. John's Church.  
*Wilton*, St. Matthew's Church.  
*Ridgefield*, ——— Church.  
 \* *Danbury*, St. James' Church.  
 \* *Reading*, Christ Church.  
*Newtown*, Trinity Church.  
*Brookfield*, St. Paul's Church.  
 \* *Huntington*, St. Paul's Church.  
 \* *Monroe*, St. Peter's Church.  
 \* *Trumbull*, Christ Church.  
*New Canaan*, ——— Church.

## LITCHFIELD COUNTY.

*Litchfield*, St. Michael's Church.  
           *Bradleyville*, ——— Church.  
           *Milton*, ——— Church.  
*New-Milford*, St. John's Church.  
           *Bridgewater*.  
 \* *Sharon*, St. Paul's Church.  
 \* *Kent*, St. John's Church.  
 \* *New-Preston*, St. Andrew's Church.  
*Washington*, ——— Church.  
*Salisbury*, St. John's Church.  
*Woodbury*, St. John's Church.  
 \* *Roxbury*, ——— Church.  
 \* *Bethlehem*, ——— Church.  
*Watertown*, Christ Church.  
*Canaan*, ——— Church.  
 \* *Cornwall*, ——— Church.  
*Goshen*, ——— Church.  
*Northfield*, ——— Church.  
*Barkhamstead*, St. John's Church.  
*Plymouth*, { St. Peter's Church.  
                   { St. Matthew's Church.

*Number of Congregations*, 78.

\* These Parishes were not represented in Convention by Delegates

# JOURNAL

OF THE

## CONVENTION, 1829.

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*Hartford, Wednesday June 3d, 1829.*

This being the day appointed by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of Connecticut, for the meeting of the Annual Convention of said Church, the Rt. Rev. T. C. Brownell, D. D. L. L. D., the Bishop of the Diocese, and several Clergymen and Lay-Delegates, attended at 10 o'clock, A. M. in Christ Church in this city, which had been appointed by the Bishop as the place of meeting.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Smith Pyne, Rector of Christ Church, Middletown, and the sermon delivered by the Rev. Hector Humphreys, Professor of Languages in Washington College, and Rector of St. Luke's Church, Glastenbury.

The Chair was taken by the Bishop; and the list of Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention, being called over, the following answered to their names, and took their seats:—

|                              |                         |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| The Rt. Rev. T. C. BROWNELL, | Rev. WM. JARVIS,        |
| D. D. L. L. D.               | " STEPHEN JEWETT,       |
| Rev. ASHBEL BALDWIN,         | " BETHEL JUDD,          |
| " DAVID BALDWIN,             | " JAMES KNEELER,        |
| " WILLIAM BARLOW,            | " EZRA B. KELLOGG,      |
| " STEPHEN BRACH,             | " WM. LUCAS,            |
| " DANIEL BURHANE,            | " TRUMAN MARSH,         |
| " JOSEPH T. CLARK,           | " BIRDSY G. NOBLE,      |
| " ASA CORNWALL,              | " SETH B. PADDOCK,      |
| " JOSEPH S. COVELL,          | " NORMAN PINNEY,        |
| " PALMER DYER,               | " WILLIAM T. POTTER,    |
| " SAMUEL FULLER, JR.         | " HORATIO POTTER,       |
| " HARRY FINCH,               | " SMITH PYNE,           |
| " JOHN M. GARFIELD,          | " RODNEY ROSSITER,      |
| " ALPHEUS GEER,              | " WILLIAM SHELTON,      |
| " FREDERICK HOLCOMB,         | " GEORGE C. SHEPARD,    |
| " ORIGEN P. HOLCOMB,         | " REUBEN SHERWOOD,      |
| " FRANCIS L. HAWKS,          | " ASHBEL STEELE,        |
| " EROCK HUNTINGTON,          | " RANSOM WARNER,        |
| " HECTOR HUMPHREYS,          | " NATHANIEL S. WHEATON. |



The following Clergymen entitled to seats in this Convention, or residing in this Diocese, were not present :

Rev. GEORGE B. ANDREWS,

" DAVID BELDEN,  
" BENJAMIN BENHAM,  
" N. B. BURGESS,  
" PETER G. CLARK,  
" HARRY CROSWELL,  
" WM. A. CURTIS,  
" S. GRISWOLD,  
" LEMUEL B. HULL,  
" RUBEEN IVES,

Rev. ISAAC JONES,

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" CHAUNCEY PRINDLE,  
" DANIEL SOMERS,  
" AMBROSE S. TODD,  
" GEORGE S. WHITE,  
" MILTON WILCOX.

The Rev. Reuben Sherwood, and the Rev. B. G. Noble, were appointed a Committee to receive and examine the testimonials of the Lay-Delegates.

The Convention adjourned to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

*Christ Church, 3 o'clock P. M.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The roll of the Clergy was called. The Rev. R. Sherwood, from the committee to whom was referred the certificates of the Lay-Delegates, made the following Report :

The committee appointed to receive and examine the certificates of the Lay-Delegates, report, that the following persons have been duly elected to represent their respective Parishes in this Convention :

Peter Spicer, *Canterbury.*  
Jacob Beers, } *Newtown*  
David H. Belden, }  
Jeremiah Buel, *North-Killingworth.*  
Nathan Preston, *Woodbury.*  
Garret Smith, } *Watertown.*  
Alanson Welton, }  
Wm. R. Hitchcock, } *Cheshire.*  
Lloyd Moss, }  
Ebenezer Thompson, *Pomfret.*  
Wm. W. Holly, } *Stamford.*  
Simeon H. Miner, }  
William Putnam, *Brooklyn.*  
Eleazor Hemingway, *East-Haven.*  
John S. Warner, } *Plymouth,*  
Marvin Blakeslee, } *St. Peters.*  
Nathaniel Matthews, *do. St. Matthews.*  
Joseph Pinney, } *Simsbury.*  
Wm. Adams, }  
Ebenezer Jackson, } *Middletown.*  
Henry L. D'Koven, }  
Joseph P. Canfield, } *Derby,*  
Levi Hotchkiss, jun. }  
Josiah Nettleton, } *Humphreysville.*  
John C. Wheeler, }  
Charles Sigourney, } *Hartford,*  
Samuel Tudor, }  
Dr. Vandenburg, *New-Milford.*  
Idiel Hickox, *Washington.*

Joseph Church, } *East-Haddam,*  
Nathan L. Foster, }  
Joel Foot, } *Hebron.*  
Hiram Horton, }  
Isaac Thompson, *New-London.*  
Wm. M. Burrall, *Canaan.*  
Samuel Church, } *Salisbury.*  
Robert Ball, }  
Felix Starkey, } *Essex-Borough,*  
Samuel Ingham, }  
Richard Adams, } *Norwich.*  
John T. Adams, }  
Edward Johnson, } *Stratford.*  
Robert Lovejoy, }  
Selah Bacon, } *Granby.*  
Allen Pettibone, }  
Benjamin Griswold, } *Litchfield.*  
Wm. Deming, }  
Beriah Bradley, } *New-Haven.*  
Enos A. Prescott, }  
Henry Huggins, }  
Ashbel Griswold, } *Meriden.*  
Wm. Merriam, }  
Charles Elliott, *Guilford.*  
Joseph Finch, *Southington.*  
Daniel Tomlinson, *Brookfield.*  
Isaac Stiles, *North-Haven.*  
George Kirtland, *Wallingford.*

A quorum of both orders being present, the Convention proceeded to elect a Secretary, and the Rev. William Jarvis was chosen. Mr. Wm. R. Hitchcock was appointed Assistant Secretary of the Convention. On motion,

*Resolved*, That clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, belonging to other Dioceses, and candidates for holy orders, who may be in this city during the session of this Convention, be admitted to the sittings of the same.

Agreeably to this resolution, the Rev. Sturges Gilbert from the Eastern Diocese, the Rev. Henry P. Powers, from the Diocese of New-Jersey, and the Rev. Edward J. Ives, from the Diocese of New-York, and Mr. William Walter, a candidate for holy orders, took seats in Convention. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Brownell, agreeably to the 45th canon of the General Convention of 1808, delivered the following

### ADDRESS.

*My Brethren of the Clergy, and of the Laity :*

The goodness of God has permitted us to witness another of those returning seasons, when we are accustomed to assemble together as the organs of his church, to present unto him our prayers and thanksgivings, and to take counsel together concerning the welfare of that portion of his heritage which he has committed to our especial care. Already we have united in the solemnities of public worship ; at the holy altar, we have professed our discipleship to our common Lord and Saviour, and have acknowledged the bands which unite us together as brethren in Christ. In the remaining duties which we have met to perform, may we be enabled, by divine grace, to act worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called : May we be " saved from all error, ignorance, pride and prejudice," and be disposed, in all our acts, to have a single eye to the glory of God, and to the prosperity, peace, and union of his Church.

That we may the better understand the condition of that portion of the Church with whose welfare we are charged, the 45th Canon of the General Convention requires that every clergyman shall present to the Bishop a full report of the state of his parish, and these reports are to be read and entered on our journals. In addition to this provision, the Bishop is himself required to deliver an annual Address to the Convention, containing an account of the episcopal acts which he has performed, and a full exposition of the state of the Diocese. The parochial reports of the Clergy will presently be called for, and laid before the Convention. In fulfilling the duty which particularly devolves upon myself, I have abundant reason to be thankful to the great Head of the Church, that he still continues to smile upon this portion

of his vineyard. Nothing has occurred to disturb the peace and union which so happily subsists among us, and which the distractions in other portions of the Church should teach us the more carefully to prize, and to cherish. The evils of heresy and schism, which every where surround us, have not been permitted to corrupt or divide us. And may we not hope, with fervent aspirations for its increase, that the spirit of pure and undefiled religion is more and more extending its blessed influence amongst us?

Since the last annual Convention, I have visited more than half the parishes in this Diocese; and, owing to its compactness, and the facility of intercourse, have had opportunities for receiving information from most of the others. While a few of these parishes continue to languish, through adverse dispensations of Providence, or from a want of zeal in the people, the general aspect of the Diocese is calculated to inspire us with hope, and to fill us with gratitude. Most of the congregations appear to be increasing in numbers and strength; and, in several instances, where a few years ago the united exertions of two neighboring congregations could hardly support a clergyman, each one is now in the full enjoyment of the regular ministrations of the gospel. Some new parishes have recently been organized; and I have lately received pressing calls for missionary services, with a fair promise of usefulness, in places where the ministrations of our Church have never yet been dispensed. Since my removal to this Diocese, little more than nine years ago, I have consecrated eleven churches, nearly all of which have been built within that period. It gives me peculiar satisfaction to add that active exertions are, at the present time, in progress, for the erection of ten new churches; three of which are in parishes newly organized. Within the period above alluded to, the number of the clergy belonging to the Diocese, has increased from *thirty-four\** to *fifty-nine*; and there are at the present time five vacant parishes capable of supporting settled clergymen, besides one vacant missionary station. If the spiritual state of our Church should have advanced in improvement, in the same ratio with its external growth, we should indeed have great cause for mutual felicitations. Within the last few years, a decided revival of christian zeal seems to have pervaded the great body of our Church, and may we not hope that this Diocese has participated, in no small degree, in its animating spirit?

Since the last meeting of the Convention, I have administered the holy rite of Confirmation in the following Parishes, viz:—

In the parish of Cheshire to 20 persons; Middle Haddam, 6;

~~Not forty~~, as was erroneously stated in printing the Address delivered last year.

Essex Borough, 7; New London, 11; East Haddam, 19; Oxford, 9; Quaker's Farms, 10; North Branford, 2; New Haven, 33; East Haven 6; Wallingford, 4; North Haven, 8; Milford, 3; Southington, 3; Granby, 12; New Canaan, 5; Ridgefield, 5; Wilton, 13; Danbury, 4; Newtown, 16; Weston, 6; Fairfield, 13;—In all, 215.

In several of the parishes which I have visited there were no candidates for Confirmation, and it will be perceived that the whole number confirmed is less than has usually been reported from the same number of parishes. This must be attributed to the frequency with which the episcopal visitations are made. Yet there are so many salutary effects connected with these visitations, that it seems not desirable to postpone them to longer intervals. The Clergy cannot too often make a general inspection of their parishes, for the special purpose of inquiring into the religious state of the youth, and the manner in which they have been instructed by their parents and sponsors, in the nature of the obligations connected with their baptism. The periodical visits of the Bishop present a special call upon the Clergy, and afford them an excellent opportunity, for the discharge of this important duty. Since my settlement in the Diocese, I have administered the rite of Confirmation to 3,874 persons.

On the 11th of September last, I consecrated the church in Middle Haddam, by the name of Christ Church. Two other churches are now ready for consecration.

On the 13th of July last, the Rev. Harry Finch, a graduate of the Theological Seminary, was admitted to the holy order of Deacons, in St. Peter's Church, Cheshire; and on the 9th of August, the Rev. William H. Judd was admitted to the same grade of the ministry, in Christ Church, Hartford. On the 14th day of December last, the Rev. Horatio Potter, Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy in Washington College, was admitted to the holy order of Priests, at Christ Church, in the city of Hartford. On the 25th day of January last, at Trinity Church, New-Haven, the Rev. Francis L. Hawkes, Assistant Rector of that Church, was admitted to the holy order of Priests, and the Rev. William Crosswell to the order of Deacons.

The following persons are now candidates for holy orders in this Diocese, viz.—Charles Bradley, John Morgan, Joseph Scott, Oliver Hopson, Allen C. Morgan, William Walter, Gurdon S. Coit, Robert A. Hallam, Fitch W. Taylor, and J. Smyth Rogers: the first three of whom are pursuing their studies at the Theological Seminary in New-York.

Since the last annual Convention we have lost several valuable clergymen by removal to other Dioceses. The Rev. William H. Lewis, Rev. J. W. Cloud, and Rev. N. Kingsberry have

received letters dimissory to the Diocese of New-York : The Rev. Henry M. Mason has removed to the Diocese of New-Jersey, the Rev. Edward Rutledge to that of Pennsylvania, and the Rev. J. S. Stone to that of Maryland. The Rev. William Crosswell has accepted an invitation to the Rectorship of Christ Church, in the city of Boston. The Rev. Rodney Rossiter has resigned the charge of the parishes of St. Matthew's and St. Peter's, Plymouth, and has accepted the Cure composed of the parishes of Monroe and Trumbull. The Rev. Birdsey G. Noble has resigned the Rectorship of the parish of Middletown.

There has, during the past year, been an accession of several clergymen from other Dioceses. The Rev. Samuel Fuller, from the Diocese of New-York, has accepted the office of Tutor in Washington College. From the same Diocese, the Rev. William Barlow has accepted the Agency of the "Church Scholarship Society," and the Rev. Palmer Dyer has assumed the Editorial charge of the "Episcopal Watchman." The Rev. Smyth Pyne, from the Diocese of New-Jersey, has accepted the Rectorship of the parish of Middletown; the Rev. Joseph S. Covell, from the Diocese of Maryland, has taken charge of the parish of Brookfield; and the Rev. William Lucas, from the Diocese of Pennsylvania, has accepted the charge of the Cure composed of the parishes of Woodbury, Roxbury and Washington. The Rev. Harry Finch has been settled over the parishes of New-Preston and Milton, vacated by the removal of the Rev. Mr. Kellogg to the eastern part of the Diocese. The Rev. William Jarvis has resigned the charge of the parish of Essex Borough, and accepted the Rectorship of the parish of Chatham.

The following parishes are now vacant, and are desirous of obtaining the services of competent clergymen, viz.—Litchfield, Plymouth, Huntington, Stratford, and Essex Borough. A clergyman well qualified to act as a missionary is also much needed to officiate in the eastern part of the Diocese.

The Rev. Orson V. Howell, now residing in Tennessee, but subject to the ecclesiastical authority of this Diocese, having expressed to me in writing his determination to withdraw from the clerical profession, I have recorded his said declaration, according to the provisions of the 7th Canon of the General Convention of 1820, and pursuant to the further provisions of the Canon, I have declared the said Orson V. Howell to be *indefinitely suspended* from the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and have pronounced and recorded that sentence, in the presence of the Rev. Daniel Burhans, and the Rev. Seth B. Pad-dock.

In my last address, I stated to you that the Rev. Jacob Oson, a man of colour, had been admitted to holy orders, with a view

to missionary services, in the Colony of Liberia, on the coast of Africa. The ardent hopes of usefulness which he had cherished, were frustrated by his death, as he was about to embark for the scene of his labours. By this dispensation of divine Providence, one of the first efforts in our Church in the cause of foreign missions has been defeated. May it operate as a salutary trial of our faith and patience, and stimulate us to renewed exertions in so holy a cause! There are now at the African Mission School, in this city, three very promising young men of colour, in a course of preparation for the same field of labour. Two of these are so far advanced in education as to be wholly occupied in theological studies.

The General Theological Seminary, the General Missionary Society, and the Sunday School Union, as well as the benevolent societies under the special auspices of this Diocese, have been so frequently commended to your attention, in my former addresses, that I think it unnecessary now to reiterate considerations which must be already familiar to you. I will only remark that I deem the welfare of the Church to be essentially connected with the success of these institutions; and that those more particularly require your attention which relate to the education and preparation of young men for the ministry. A want of clergymen is now the most formidable impediment to the growth of our Church. There are probably more than one hundred vacancies, where there are adequate means for the support of ministers, if they could be obtained; and twice as many more might be usefully employed as missionaries, if we had sufficient resources for their support. It is obvious, therefore, that the first efforts of the Church ought to be directed to the education of young men for the sacred ministry.

The situation of the Academy at Cheshire will doubtless occupy the deliberations of the Convention. The Board of Trustees, in obedience to the instructions of the Convention, have sought in vain to obtain a suitable person for a Principal of the Institution. Whether, under present circumstances, the Academy can be put in successful operation seems extremely doubtful. The expedients which have been adopted by the Trustees have hitherto failed of success. The funds of the Academy were raised for the education of youth, under the auspices of the Church, and it is obvious that they ought to be sacredly applied to this object. They cannot be diverted to the support of a parish minister, nor to constitute a sinecure for a nominal principal. It therefore becomes a question, attended with no little embarrassment, how this Convention, and the Board of Trustees, shall best fulfil their duty to the founders of the Institution and especially to those inhabitants of Cheshire who contributed

towards its endowment. If no better resources can be devised, I recommend the continuing of the funds at interest, to accumulate till the sum lost by the failure of the Eagle Bank shall be restored.

The consideration of the proposed alterations in the Liturgy of our Church was postponed to the present Convention. I had purposed to avail myself of this occasion fully to express my views on the subject. But the sense of the Church appears to be so decidedly averse to the alterations that I think there is no probability of their receiving the approbation of the General Convention. Under these circumstances a discussion of them would be superfluous. Although, at the last General Convention, I voted in favor of submitting these alterations to the consideration of the Church, it was partly in deference to the opinions of others, and on the intimation that such a measure would tend to promote harmony in the Church, and uniformity in the ministrations of the Clergy. For myself, I desire to see no further attempts made for changes in the Liturgy; and I believe this to be the general sentiment of this Diocese. I might indeed fancy myself able to make improvements in it, if it were left to my discretion. Many others would probably enter on such a work with greater confidence than myself. But I am persuaded that there is no part of the Liturgy but has become endeared to so many pious people, that nothing could be altered or expunged without doing great violence to feelings which every ingenuous mind should respect. I rejoice in the decided expression of opinion which has been evinced in regard to the proposed alterations, and consider it as more auspicious to the integrity of the Liturgy, than any enactments of the General Convention which could possibly be devised.

Brethren—I have only to add my prayers for the divine blessing on our present labours: and may He who has “built his Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ being the head corner stone, grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable unto him, through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

THOMAS C. BROWNELL.

*Hartford, June 3d, 1829.*

On motion, *Resolved*, That so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the Episcopal Academy at Cheshire, be referred to a committee of five. The Rev. Mr. Hawks, the Rev. Mr. Sherwood, the Rev. Mr. Jewett, Mr. Richard Adams, and the Assistant Secretary, Wm. R. Hitchcock, were appointed on this committee.

The following communication from the Church in Hitchcocks-ville was laid upon the table :—

“ At a meeting of the Society of Union Church, in Hitchcocks-ville, holden in said village, on the 18th day of May, 1829, Jesse Ives was appointed a delegate to represent this Society in the Protestant Episcopal Convention of the Diocese of this State, to be holden at Hartford, on the first Wednesday in June next.

*Voted*, That as a Society, we will submit to, and abide by the constitution and government of said Church, and request to be admitted into the fellowship of the same.

GEORGE H. CLARKE, *Society Clerk*.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the above documents be referred to a committee of three. They were accordingly referred to the Rev. Mr. Beach, the Rev. Mr. Burhans, and the assistant Secretary.

The following Report of the proceedings of the Standing Committee, on motion, was read to the Convention.

*Abstract of the proceedings of the Standing Committee, between the Conventions of 1828 and 1829.*

NORWALK, June 4th, 1828.

The standing committee, composed of the Rev. H. Croswell, Rev. N. S. Wheaton, Rev. R. Sherwood, Rev. D. Baldwin, and Rev. E. Rutledge, assembled, (the Rev. D. Baldwin being absent,) and chose the Rev. N. S. Wheaton, Secretary. Adjourned.

NORWALK, June 5.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee, all the members being present, testimonials were submitted on the part of Oliver Hopson, a graduate of Washington College, which were approved ; and he was recommended to the Bishop as a suitable candidate. Adjourned.

HARTFORD, July 9.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee, the Rev. Messrs. Croswell, Wheaton, and Baldwin, being present :

Harry Finch presented testimonials, which were approved ; whereupon he was recommended to the Bishop to be ordained a Deacon. Adjourned.

HARTFORD, August 6.

The Rev. Messrs. Croswell, Wheaton, and Sherwood met ; and on the testimonials submitted by William H. Judd, recommended him to the Bishop to receive the holy order of Deacons.

Joseph Scott, a graduate of Washington College, applied for



admission as a candidate for orders, and received the canonical certificates, he having satisfied the committee of his literary and religious qualifications. Adjourned.

BRIDGEPORT, Oct. 14.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee—present, the Rev. Messrs. Croswell, Wheaton, Sherwood, and Baldwin;—Horatio Potter, Deacon, was recommended to be admitted to the holy Order of Priests, on testimonials presented by him.

The following gentlemen were recommended to the Bishop as suitable candidates for the ministry, viz :—William H. Walter, and John Morgan, graduates of Washington College; and Gurdon S. Coit, and Robert A. Hallam, graduates of Yale College. Adjourned.

NEW HAVEN, January 23, 1829.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee—present, the Rev. Messrs. Croswell, Sherwood, and Baldwin—

Fitch W. Taylor, a graduate of Yale College, was recommended to the Bishop as a fit candidate for the ministry.

William Croswell, A. M. was recommended to receive the Holy Order of Deacons; and Francis L. Hawks, Deacon, to receive the Holy Order of Priests. Adjourned.

Attest,

HARRY CROSWELL,

*for the Secretary.*

HARTFORD, June 3.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee—present, the Rev. Messrs. Wheaton, Sherwood and Baldwin—

J. Smyth Rogers, M. D. a Professor in Washington College, was recommended to be admitted as a candidate for the ministry. Adjourned.

I hereby certify, that the above is a true abstract of the proceedings of the Standing Committee, during the past year.

N. S. WHEATON, *Secretary  
of the Standing Committee.*

On motion—*Resolved*, That the Convention fund be paid to the Secretary of the Convention.

On motion—*Resolved*, That this Convention proceed to the election of the Standing Committee for the year ensuing: whereupon the Rev. Messrs. Croswell, Wheaton, Sherwood, Baldwin, and Humphreys, were elected.

The Rev. S. Beach, from the committee on the certificate and petition of the Church at Hitchcocksville, made the following Report, which was accepted:—

The committee to whom was referred the petition of the Church at Hitchcocksville, Report ;—That said Parish has acceded to the Constitution and Canons of the Church in this Diocese, and that, in the judgment of your committee, it is entitled to be received into union with the same.

STEPHEN BEACH, *Chairman.*

Whereupon, Jesse Ives took his seat as a member of the Convention.

The corresponding Secretary of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, presented the following Report of the proceedings of the Society, which was read and accepted.

The corresponding Secretary of the Society for the promotion of Christian Knowledge, is authorised by the President, to furnish the Convention with the following report of the expenditures of the past year :

To the Rev. Mr. Kellogg, who has organized a promising congregation at Pomfret, which is now zealously engaged in building a suitable house of worship, \$300. To the Rev. Mr. Beach, \$50, for Missionary services in Canaan and Hitchcocksville—in the former place, his labors have been prospered ; and in the latter eminently so, as a regular parish has been organized, the members of which are engaged in erecting a commodious stone church. To the Rev. Mr. Somers, \$50, for Missionary services in New Canaan, the fruits of which are evinced in the exertions of the parish to erect a new Church. To the Rev. Mr. Potter, \$50 has been appropriated for services at Milford ; and the like sum to the Rev. Mr. Garfield, for services at North Branford. The allowance of \$50 per annum, was also continued to the Rev. Mr. Steele, while he remained at Middle Haddam, which place he left in December last. The Board will probably deem it necessary to continue a considerable portion of the salary of the Rev. Mr. Kellogg for another year, as all the resources of the parish are required for the erection of the new church. It will be desirable also, should the funds permit, to aid those new or feeble cures, which are arranged agreeably to the directions of the last Convention : but in no case will the Board feel authorized to assist any parish or cure, which does not conform to this arrangement.

The report of the state of the funds of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, was read and accepted. (*See Appendix, No. 1.*)

On motion—*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the state of the Church in this Diocese, and to prepare a report for insertion in the Journal of this Convention. The Rev. B. Judd, the Rev. R. Sherwood, and Mr. I. Foot, were appointed.

On motion—*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the alterations of the Liturgy, proposed by the General Convention. The Rev. Messrs. Judd, Humphreys, and Rossiter, were appointed.

The PAROCHIAL REPORTS required by the 45th Canon of the Gen. Convention of 1808, to be made to the Bishop, read in Convention, and entered on the journal, were then read, as follows:—

*St. Paul's Church, Wallingford,—The Rev. Ashbel Baldwin, Rector.*

During the last year, I have performed divine service two thirds of the time. The congregation has been generally respectable. A very considerable number of prayer books and tracts have been distributed among the families of the congregational society, who have united with the parish for social worship until next Easter, and almost one half the children that regularly attended the Sunday School last summer, belonged to that society. What will be the final result of this union, cannot with any certainty be calculated upon. But there are about eight or ten families that are very favorably disposed to the Church, and regularly join in the services of the same.

There are at present 30 Families belonging to the Church. No. of Baptisms during the year, 10—4 adults, 6 infants; No. of Communicants, 40; New do. 4; No. of Confirmations, 4; No. of Marriages, 4; No. of Sunday Scholars, 60; No. of Deaths, 5.

*Trinity Church, North-Haven,—The Rev. Ashbel Baldwin, Rector.*

This Congregation for a number of years has been occasionally supplied with ministerial services from abroad, and that but a small part of the time. When I took charge of the Parish, there appeared to be a division among its members, and several had lodged certificates. I have regularly officiated one third of the time in the Church, and have frequently visited and lectured in different parts of the Parish. At present there appears to be unanimity among the members, and every family, but one, have returned to the bosom of the Church. During all the revolutions and changes which have taken place since the organization of the Parish, they have never failed to open the Church, and when destitute of a clergyman, which has been the greatest part of the time, the public service has been read by one of its members. The present state of the congregation, though very feeble, is flattering. They are not wanting in zeal and attention, and it is my opinion, that if they can be regularly supplied with ministerial services one half the time, the congregation would greatly

improve. A proposition has been made to the Parish of Northford to unite with Wallingford and North-Haven in forming a Cure, agreeable to the recommendation of the Convention of 1828, which proposition has not been agreed to on the part of Northford.

Number of Families, 36 ; No. of Baptisms, 20—2 adults, 18 infants ; No. of Communicants, 40 ; New do. 6 ; No. Confirmed, 8 ; No. of Sunday Scholars, 20 ; No. of Marriages, 1 ; No. of Deaths, 2.

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*Christ Church, Guilford,—The Rev. David Baldwin, Rector.*

The Parish of Christ Church, in Guilford, has had only the partial services of a clergyman. Until three or four years past the services of the Church have been performed by a minister only about twenty Sundays in a year ; since that time about thirty Sundays in a year. The other part of the time the services have been performed by a lay reader. This lay reading has been attended with the happy effect of preserving the unity and devotion of the members.

The number of Families much the same as in the last report ; Communicants, 64 ; Baptisms, 5—adults 1, children 4 ; Marriages 3 ; Funerals, 7 ; Sunday Scholars, 50.

*St. John's Church, North-Guilford,—The Rev. David Baldwin, Rector.*

This Parish has had the services of a clergyman only about twenty Sundays in a year. The other part of the time the members depend upon lay reading, which has the good effect of bringing them together one day in seven, and keeping them in the unity of the faith. They feel, however, some depression in consequence of the failure of the Eagle Bank. A part of their little fund was vested in that institution as privileged stock.

There are belonging to this Parish about 30 Families ; Communicants, 35 ; Baptisms, 1 ; Funerals, 3 ; Marriages, 2.

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*Trinity Church, Newtown,—The Rev. Daniel Burhans, Rector.*

This Parish is gradually recovering from her pecuniary losses through the failure of the Eagle Bank, by voluntary contributions. But of more importance is the spiritual improvement promoted by the late sickness and mortality which removed so many of its valuable members. In addition to several charitable societies, the ladies have established an institution for the benefit of Sunday Schools and other charitable purposes. Sunday Scholars, about one hundred.

Baptisms, 17—adults 2, infants 15 ; Confirmations, 16 ; Marriages, 10 ; Burials, 15 ; Communicants, about 275.

*Christ Church, Bethany,—The Rev. Joseph T. Clark, Minister.*

Since my last report it will be seen that very considerable additions have been made to our communion, which is perhaps the best evidence that an increased attention has been excited to the interests of our Church. The Parish in Bethany is beginning to evince a more firm attachment to our invaluable Liturgy, and to take a more lively interest in the religious improvement of the young. The Sunday School, consisting of about fifty scholars, is in a more encouraging condition than at any former period. The tone of religious feeling generally, has gradually increased since my last report. The Society at Amity, to which one fourth part of my attention has been confined (owing to an uncontrolled combination of circumstances) has remained nearly stationary.

A small degree of assistance might at this period be of great advantage to the interests of our Church in that place. At present, the Society being composed of four different denominations, has no definite object in view. They are however, beginning to be convinced that little can be effected for the interests of religion while this union is supported, and I have little doubt if missionary aid could be extended to them it would produce the desired effect.

In the Parish of Bethany there have been Baptisms, adults 10, infants 37—total 47; Marriages, 9; Funerals, 33; New Communicants, 47; Died, 6; Whole number, 118; No. of Families about 100.

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*Trinity Church, New-Haven,—The Rev. Harry Crowell, Rector; Rev. Francis L. Hawks, Assistant.*

Baptisms, 53—adults 4, children 19; Marriages, 29; Burials, 35; New Communicants, 34; whole number of Communicants, about 480.

The affairs of this Parish still continue in a flourishing condition. The measures adopted during the past season for the erection of a Chapel of ease, to meet the increasing demands of the congregation, have been actively prosecuted, and the building is already in a state of forwardness. The corner-stone was laid on the 18th of April last, and it is expected that the edifice will be ready for consecration early in December. It is to be a fine Gothic structure of substantial stone-work, 101 by 94 feet, including the tower, and affording an audience-room 80 by 60 feet, with accommodations for about 1300 persons. A Society has been organized in the Parish, for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, by the gratuitous distribution of Bibles, Prayer-Books and Tracts, and by aiding the Diocesan Society in the

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support of Missions. Regular monthly meetings of the Society are held in Trinity Church, for the purpose of communicating information in relation to the religious societies and institutions patronized by the Protestant Episcopal Church, both abroad and at home. Donations from this society to the Diocesan Society, in aid of missions, may be expected from time to time, as the state of the funds will admit. The Sunday School, in connection with the General Union, is gradually increasing, and now contains about 250 pupils. Several Bible and Liturgy classes are also organized in the Parish, and meet regularly every week for instruction. Evening lectures, which have been continued in the Parish for many years, are uniformly well attended, and appear to be productive of very beneficial effects.

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*Grace Church, Hamden,—The Rev. John M. Garfield, Minister.*

In consequence of the indisposition of the Rev. Mr. Perry, I have been called (the six months past) to officiate in the Parish of Hamden. The affairs of this Church are in a flourishing state. The funds have been recently increased by a donation of one thousand dollars. There has just been established a Sunday School, (in union with the general institution) which has commenced under auspicious circumstances. The Parish has made arrangements which secure to the society the regular services of their clergyman, every Lord's day.

Families, 48; Marriages, 6; Sunday Scholars, 36; Funerals, 4.

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*Parishes of Watertown and Northfield,—The Rev. Frederick Holcomb, Rector.*

*Watertown.*—Number of Families, 95; Communicants, 90; Baptisms the last year, 12; Marriages, 5; Deaths, 7.

*Northfield.*—Families, 40; Communicants, 45; Baptisms, 4; Marriages, 3; Deaths, 4.

The parishes above named united to form a mission about fifteen years ago. Since that time I have had the charge of them, and am happy in now being able to say, that my labors have not been wholly in vain. A rapid growth of churches, however, is hardly to be expected in places where society limits have long been established, and more especially in places where emigration greatly retards the increase of a general population. Such limits are no sooner fixed, than they call forth the interested feelings of some, the prejudices of others, and in some measure the habits of all, to defend them. Yet these churches have had valuable acquisitions with few or no losses, except by death, or by remo-

vals to other and distant places, where some of them have been useful in building up and sustaining the cause of our common Lord and Master.

Taking alarm at that clause of our state constitution which places young men when coming of age, on neutral ground with regard to the support of society, unless at this usually unsettled period of their life they should make a voluntary surrender of so much of their liberty, these parishes made an effort at the time, and succeeded in raising in each one of them a small permanent fund. Depending on these funds, some part of which is still retained in the hands of the original subscribers, taxation for all ordinary purposes, as that of paying their annual salary and defraying other contingent expenses, is abolished. A measure of this kind, to which the smaller of these parishes is no doubt indebted for its present existence, except in name, could not be effected without an effort, as is well known to all those, who, under similar circumstances, have attempted such an experiment. That effort was made, and the object promptly met. Nine hundred dollars of the parish fund, belonging to Watertown were lost by the failure of the Eagle Bank in 1825. Since that time the society has realized a legacy from the estate of Edward E. Porter, deceased, and has now in prospect from the estate of our venerable friend, Asa Woodward, enough probably to make their original fund entire.

What might have been the present condition of these parishes as it regards the means of supporting religion, and what their prospects, had no such measures been adopted, it is not easy to determine. I was in favor of such course, and thought these were good reasons not only to justify such an attempt, but to render it highly expedient. It is however much to be regretted, (and we are not apt to know things much faster than experience leads the way) that so good a thing as that of a parish fund should ever be misimproved. The man who is actually laboring to acquire an estate, or he who is still endeavoring to live comfortably though he has none; will feel differently from him who has gained both of these objects, and so he will conduct. Zeal and enterprize will mark his conduct in the one case; while in the other, his real possessions beget feelings of security, which, to say the least of them, have no tendency to awaken exertion or to call forth activity. Such may have been, in some degree, the effect of our parish funds, or rather the consequence of settling it in our minds that we would no longer be taxed for the support of religion. The situation of these parishes as it regards temporal circumstances, must on the whole, be called good; and perhaps there are few, if any people, more punctual in all they engage to do.

There yet remains a more important inquiry, as to their religious state—Parishes like single persons are supposed to possess a character in this particular;—that character to be truly estimated, should be compared with the infallible standard of God's word, and how few, alas! on such a comparison, would not be found wanting! To do our duty in some respects, and to neglect it in others, to be orthodox in some points of faith, and at the same time, to hold dangerous errors, to be often inconsistent by condemning ourselves in that thing which we allow: is a course of conduct that sometimes marks the character of the same person. It is truly, then, no matter of surprise that a similar diversity of opinion and practice should distinguish the characters of different individuals of whom parishes are composed. On this point, however, I should not be willing to say *less* than was said by the pious and faithful curate of Donoughmore, "there is a fair proportion of religious men amongst them, with a due allowance of profligates."

I have found in the course of a ministry already exercised for a longer term of time than is usual in the same place, that while God, his word, his church, and ordinances, change not; man is ever changing, sometimes from one sin to another, and always, until reformation commences, from lesser to greater degrees of the same sin. The oftener he resists the calls of God to repentance, the less will be the effect of those calls repeated, till he relapses into that dangerous state sometimes denominated "gospel hardness of heart." That freedom and plainness demanded by such circumstances, I am persuaded, is the only course, which can make me useful as a preacher in my present situation. I have therefore aimed at what is by some called "close preaching," endeavoring to correct my own manner in this particular, by coming at the truths of the gospel in a more direct way, and by making a more pointed application to my hearers. The effect, as far as I am able to judge, has been good. General remarks from the pulpit, applying alike to all persons, except it may be they were designed especially for the absent—qualifying clauses thrown in sometimes to avoid the suspicion of enthusiasm, but implying that these are dangerous errors, and that some persons have fallen into them, together with the practice of preaching down Christians of other denominations, I have found unprofitable, and calculated to leave the sinner contented with his own condition, rather than to produce those pungent convictions which sometimes produce "a death unto sin, and a new birth unto righteousness." Allowing for that partiality which no man can have greater cause than myself to feel towards his people, I shall be pardoned when I say, that the religion of Christ in connexion with our Catholic and Apostolic

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Church, has already in these parishes, many true friends, and I think the number gradually increasing.

*St. Matthew's Church, Wilton,—The Rev. Origen P. Holcomb, Rector.*

Baptisms 11—adults 1, children 10; Marriages 4; Funerals, 14; Confirmed, 13.

*Church at Ridgefield,—The Rev. Origen P. Holcomb, Rector.*

Baptisms, 1; Funerals, 2; Confirmed, 5.

The number of Communicants in these Churches is 85.—Five new Communicants have been added the last year, and four have died. The number of Families has been increased by the accession of some who before had made no distinct professions of religion, and has been diminished, on the other hand, by the removal of several families, leaving the whole number, without much variation from 90,—the same as reported at the last Convention. Within the last three years the churches have been repaired and painted, and during the year preceding, have been furnished with bells. In addition to the stated services on Sunday in the seasons of Lent, annually, I have performed weekly services and preached in different parts of the Parish at Wilton, and have often officiated at a third service in the Parish in Ridgefield. The important duty of the public worship of God in general commands zealous and devout attention; though in stormy and unpleasant weather—many of the people living three and four miles from Church—the Congregations are small. A Sunday School, (in union with the General Sunday School Union) has every year, in the pleasant season, been kept in successful operation at Wilton, with the addition the last year of a Bible class consisting of about 20 young persons. At Ridgefield I am in the practice, on my regular days of service, of frequently teaching and explaining to the children of the Parish the Catechism and parts of the Liturgy of the Church. It is more difficult in Parishes where the people live remote from each other, and many of them several miles from Church, to maintain the operations of societies for Missionary and other purposes. So far as objects of this character are accomplished, much depends, according to my experience, on the personal zeal and efforts of the Clergyman. I have the present year 18 subscribers for the Episcopal Watchman.

*St. John's Church, New-Milford,—The Rev. E. Huntington, Rector.*

During the interval since the last meeting of Convention, there have been 9 Baptisms, 4 of adults and 5 of infants. The

number of persons admitted to the Communion has been 15. A large proportion of these have been awakened to a sense of the duty of preparing to commemorate the dying love of the Saviour by affliction, and have participated for the first time of this holy sacrament in the house of the sick. Religious conversation introduced at such times I have found in many cases not to have been introduced in vain. Three persons likewise in Bridgewater have been admitted by me to the Communion, as I have occasionally delivered a lecture to the Episcopalians in that quarter of the township, on a week day. The number of Marriages since the last report has been 9; Burials, 8. The Sunday School has been continued, and derived much benefit from the publications of the Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union. A very commendable spirit of liberality has continued in the congregation. Besides supporting the services of the Church during the whole year, when they formerly had them but half the time; they have contributed 150 dollars towards purchasing a bell, about 50 for ringing, and an auxiliary Church Scholarship Society has been formed, to which about 70 dollars have been subscribed.

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*St. Luke's Church, Glastenbury,—The Rev. Hector Humphreys, Rector.*

The Rector of St. Luke's Church, Glastenbury, reports, that during the past year, the people have enjoyed the ministrations of the Gospel as heretofore, the Church having been opened for divine service every Sunday, with preaching and lay reading alternately.

It is designed during the present year, to alter the interior of the church in such a manner as to furnish a considerable number of additional seats, which are wanted. We have a Sunday School in successful operation, in connexion with the P. E. S. S. Union, and possessed of a library, composed of such books as have been published under the auspices of our Church. We lament exceedingly, however, that the number of books published by the Union is so limited that our library is inadequate to our want. We would not omit this occasion to express our hearty desire that this General Institution of our Church, may yet receive the substantial support of our entire Communion. In no other way, we believe, can we more happily comply with the touching charge of our Lord and Master, "*feed my sheep, feed my lambs.*"

*St. John's Church, Essex Borough, Saybrook,—The Rev. William Jarvis, Rector.*

Number of Families, 51 ; Communicants, 46 ; New Communicants, 5 ; Baptisms, 13—adults 2, infants 11 ; Marriages, 3 ; Deaths, 3 ; Sunday Scholars, 44 ; Teachers, 6.

The Rector is happy to be able to state that the prospects of this little parish have in some respects improved since the last meeting of the Convention. It is earnestly hoped and believed that its members generally, have through the divine blessing, advanced in spiritual knowledge and graces. And if liberality in supporting the institutions of the Gospel, may be regarded as any evidence of attachment to it, we may confidently hope that the spirit of piety is shedding its hallowed influence on their hearts with increasing power and lustre. During the past year they have contributed to the Sunday School Union of the Protestant Episcopal Church, 15 dollars ; to the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, more than 11 dollars, and to the Church Scholarship Society, through the very able and efficient exertions of its agent, nearly 500 dollars. It may also be mentioned to their praise, that for the last two years, there have been about thirty subscribers to the Episcopal Watchman ; and to the general diffusion of this invaluable paper may be attributed, under God, much of the increased zeal which has pervaded the congregation. May the divine promise that "he who soweth plenteously shall reap plenteously," be fulfilled in them ; and may the bounty which they have dispensed to their destitute brethren, be returned a thousand fold into their own bosoms.

*St. James' Church, Derby, and Union Church, Humphreysville, The Rev. Stephen Jewett, Rector.*

I am happy in being able, this year, to present a more favorable report of the parishes under my care, than I have heretofore given. These parishes a few years since, (especially St. James') had but "a name to live." By the blessing of God improvements have been made, but *more* in the *last* than in any *previous* year. By the praiseworthy liberality of the Ladies' Society, a new and elegant suit of hangings has been put on the pulpit and desk of St. James'. This Society has rendered assistance also to the committee. Lamps, for the convenience of evening Lectures, which during the winter were given statedly on Friday evenings, have been furnished by a few young gentlemen of the Parish. Last Easter we were, for the first time, enabled (by consent of the owners) to rent the greater part of the slips in this Church. They sold readily for a sum sufficient to pay my salary for half the time. This measure, which has long been desirable, has had a most happy effect. A new impulse has been giv-

en. The congregation has considerably increased, and during the past week, a sum has been raised amply sufficient to purchase and put up a bell of twelve hundred pounds weight. The bell has been ordered, and is expected in two or three weeks. A spirit of unanimity *now*, seems to prevail throughout the Parish. The Parish of Union Church have also, within the last year, procured a bell, of suitable dimensions, for their Church, and made other improvements in and about the Church. In this parish the slips rented this year for a sum considerably larger than they heretofore sold for, and amply sufficient for the present demands on the parish.

Our Sunday School, which is in union with the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union, is in successful operation in both parishes, and will number about one hundred scholars in each. In my last report I ventured to express a hope that 40 would be added to my list of Communicants, during the year now past. We have done better than this. The number added since my last report, including 3 who have given their names, and will, (Providence permitting) come forward at the next administration, is 60 in the two parishes.

Communicants added, 60; died, 7; several removed; present number in both parishes, 230; Families about 180; Baptisms, 53—adults 7, infants 46; Burials, 29; Marriages, 14.

The assessment for printing the Journals, &c. has been made. Owing to unfavorable weather and some other circumstances, no collection has yet been made for the benefit of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, but I pledge myself that (God willing) one shall shortly be made, and the money transmitted to the Treasurer of the Society.

Our S. School is under the general supervision of the Rector, and is conducted by a suitable number of Superintendents and Teachers. We have a S. School Library in both my parishes. In St. James' sixty-five volumes. In Union Church one hundred volumes.

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*St. John's Church, Bridgeport,—The Rev. H. R. Judah, Rector.*

The Rector begs leave to report, that the prospects of the Church, in which he ministers, are still encouraging. Although there is much to lament of lukewarmness and worldly-mindedness among the professors of Christ's Religion—and of inattention to the "great salvation" among those, who by baptism have put on Christ—still he is encouraged to believe that God is giving an increase to his labors, in the gradual advance of pure and undefiled religion—of deeper interest in the missionary cause, and of decided attachment to the institutions and doctrines of the Church of Christ. The Sunday School attached to

the Church, is scattering the seed of divine truth among the lambs of the flock, and numbers one hundred and sixty attendants, with a library of 300 volumes.

Baptisms, 19—adult 1, infants 18; Funerals, 27; Marriages, 20; Communicants, 155.

*St. Andrew's Church, Meriden, and — Church, Southington,  
—The Rev. James Keeler, Rector.*

In compliance with the canon passed last Convention, respecting parochial cures, and the request of the Church at Southington, at Easter, I relinquished the pastoral charge of the parishes of Branford and Northford, and accepted of that of Southington in connection with Meriden. The Church at Southington is small, consisting of only 17 Families, and 20 Communicants. It is now perhaps on as good a footing to be prosperous as it ever has been.

St. Andrew's Church, Meriden, has 50 Families, and 65 Communicants. There have been three Baptisms, (infants) 4 Marriages, and 5 Funerals. This Church has a Sunday School of about 60 scholars, 4 Superintendents, and 16 Teachers, under the immediate patronage of the congregation. The Superintendents are authorised, with the approbation of the Rector, to organize the school, appoint teachers, and transact all the business of the school. The harmony existing in this congregation, their regular and increasing attention to the services of the Church, the cheerfulness and ardour with which they all engage in the support of the Sunday School, is an evidence that they are increasing in piety as well as christian knowledge, and that as they grow in age they are growing in grace. The minister further reports concerning the two following churches:—

*Trinity Church, Branford.*

Number of Families, 50; Communicants, 57—one new; Baptisms, 12; Funerals, 3.

*St. Andrew's Church, Northford..*

Number of Families, 20; Communicants, 26; Baptisms, 4; Funerals, 1.

*Christ Church, Norwich,—The Rev. S. B. Paddock, Rector.*

The increase of families in this parish has been prevented the past year by the want of church room. The new church is nearly completed and will be ready for consecration in a few weeks. It is a neat Gothic stone edifice, 67 feet by 52, with a basement 52 by 30. The basement room is finished and used

for Sunday Schools, evening lectures, and the like. The Sunday School is in connexion with the Union, and contains 116 scholars, and 11 teachers, with a library of 300 volumes. The teachers and some of the older scholars form a Bible class which meets every Thursday evening. These meetings are always attended by the Rector, who makes explanatory and practical remarks upon the questions given out in the preceding week. It is truly gratifying to witness the interest manifested in these meetings, and the promptness and correctness with which most answer the questions.

During the past winter the ladies of the parish have formed themselves into a society to promote the general interests of the Church by their labor. They meet weekly, and one reads some religious book, while the others are engaged in their work. The prospect is that they will provide the means of doing much good.

Upon the whole we have much to encourage us. Both the temporal and spiritual condition of the parish was never more promising. But while we acknowledge with devout gratitude the goodness of God, for putting it into the hearts of his people to erect a house to his honor and worship, and for inspiring the congregation generally with an increased piety and zeal, and for adding to his church some, we trust, of such as shall be saved, we would not forget that much remains yet to be done, nor fail to implore the author and giver of all good things, to graft in our hearts the love of his name, and to increase in us true religion.

The Parish now consists of 83 Families; Communicants 72; new, 6—total 78; Baptisms, 19—adults, 4, infants, 15; Marriages, 4; Funerals, 2, six of which were of other denominations. The congregational collection for the Society for the

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| Promotion of Christian Knowledge, is  | \$9,25 |
| Gentlemen's Society auxiliary to the Soc. for Promotion of Christian Knowledge, | 23,55  |
| Ladies' do. do.   | 7,83   |

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*Churches at East and West-Haven and Milford,—The Rev. Wm. T. Potter, Rector.*

During the past year my ministerial labors have been uninterruptedly given to the Parishes of East and West-Haven and Milford. In the latter parish, in which there is much zeal and engagedness for the cause of Christ and the Church, I officiated eleven Sundays, besides several evenings on week days. According to the ability of this parish, which is very small, there is

Our Sunday School has again commenced its operations, and we hope and trust it will embody as many or more scholars than it did last year. Exertions are now making by benevolent and pious individuals of our Parish to form a library, and eighty volumes have within a short period been obtained. Several additions the last year of respectable individuals have been made to our congregation; in the town of Greenwich, especially, the prospect of the increase of the Church is extremely flattering, and we believe the time is not far distant when they will erect a fit building for the worship of Almighty God. In the parish of North-Stamford, also, the attention of a number of well informed individuals, has, from various circumstances, been directed to the Church, and if the enquiry is pursued, it will, we have no doubt, result in a firm conviction of the truth of her doctrines and worship. In general we have great cause of thanks to the Almighty Father for the blessing he has seen fit to bestow upon our endeavors to build up and strengthen our Zion in this portion of his vineyard, and enlarge the kingdom of his dear Son.

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*St. Andrew's Church, Simsbury,—The Rev. Ransom Warner, Rector.*

Number of Families, 60; Communicants, 48; Marriages, 5; Baptisms, 12; Deaths, 10.

Since the last Convention the society of this church have taken down their house of worship, removed it to a distance of about two miles, and rebuilt it with some additions. Its present location and improved condition, near the site of the old St. Andrew's, in the vicinity of Tariffville afford the Church and its friends the most flattering encouragement of its future prosperity and usefulness.

*St. Peter's Church, Granby,—The Rev. Ransom Warner, Rector.*

Number of Families, 64; Communicants, 50; Marriages, 7; Baptisms, 15; Deaths, 4.

Since the last report the church has been furnished with a new and excellent organ. The Sunday School, organized upon the plan of the General Union, is in successful operation, and consists of about sixty scholars under the direction of twelve teachers. Owing to the carelessness or negligence of the Rector, the collection in behalf of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge has not been made. He acknowledges the fault, and if affliction and a multitude of cares afford him no apology, he has none to make—but for the time to come will endeavor to attend particularly to that *one thing needful*.

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*Christ Church, Hartford,—The Rev. N. S. Wheaton, Rector.*

Baptisms, 21—adults 3, infants 18; Marriages, 8; Funerals, 21; new Communicants, 26; whole number of Communicants, 198; Sunday School Teachers, 22—male 7, female 15; Sunday Scholars, male 59, female 102—total 161; number of Families, 137.

In reporting the state of his Church, the Rector has to lament the increased embarrassments which have been experienced during the past year from the want of more church room, and the effect it has had in arresting the growth of the parish. This obstacle will probably be removed next autumn by the completion of the new church.

Through the assistance voluntarily rendered by the officers of Washington College, the Rector has been enabled for some time past to hold three services in the church every Sunday, and to lecture on an evening during the week, besides superintending a class engaged in the study of the scriptures.

The Sunday School continues to flourish under the active and devoted attentions of the former superintendant, Mr. Goodwin, seconded by the zeal of the teachers, among whom are a number of the students of Washington College. Probably no school in the Church is better organized, or conducted with more efficiency. Great embarrassment is felt, however, from the want of suitable books for the higher classes; and to the S. S. Union of the P. E. Church we confidently look for a supply. The pecuniary wants of that institution having been lately stated in a meeting called for another purpose, it was resolved to forward a sum to the treasurer without delay; which was accordingly done to the amount of 158 dollars.

Notwithstanding the heavy burdens incurred by the erection of an expensive church, there has been no diminution in the sums raised during the past year for missionary purposes, and others of general utility; and the example furnishes new proof of a fact, which cannot be too deeply impressed, that religious charities mutually aid each other.

Amidst the arduous and perplexing duties which have devolved upon the Rector by the undertaking in which the parish are embarked, he is conscious that much time has been necessarily withdrawn from parochial duties, but which he hopes speedily to resume.

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[The following Reports are inserted here, in consequence of having been accidentally thrown out from their place in the alphabetical arrangement.]

*St. Paul's Church, Brookfield,—The Rev. Joseph S. Covell, Rector.*

The congregation attached to this church have formerly had



services but half the time. I commenced my labors here the second Sunday in Advent, and have officiated the whole time except three Sundays, until Easter.

On Easter Monday, with a truly commendable spirit and liberality, they made arrangements for my officiating the whole time in this church. The church has generally been nearly full, and we sincerely believe that the divine blessing has in some measure attended our labors. The people appear to be roused to more activity and zeal.

The number of Families attached to the church is 90; Communicants, added 1, died 2, whole number, 75; Baptisms, 7—adults 4, infants 3; Marriages, none; Funerals, 3. A Sunday School society has been lately formed, which will soon become auxiliary to the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union. Number of scholars not yet ascertained.

*St. Mark's Church, Bridgewater,—The Rev. Joseph S. Covell, Rector.*

At Christmas I received a call from this parish to officiate three Sundays before Easter. After which time they gave me an invitation to officiate one quarter of the time. Having obtained permission of the parishioners of St. Pauls, I engaged with them.

The society attached to this church is small, but our congregations are large and attentive, and the strong prejudices that formerly existed against the church are gradually giving way. The prospect of building up the church here is very fair. A Sunday School will shortly be commenced.

Number of Families, 30; Communicants, 20; Baptisms, 2 infants; Marriages, none; Funeral, 1.

*St. Andrew's Church, New-Preston,—The Rev. Harry Finch, Minister.*

Number of Families, 70; removed, 1; Communicants, 62—removed, 1, added, 3; Baptisms, 5—adults 2, infants 3; Marriages, 5; Funerals, 4; Collection for the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, \$2,16.

A Sunday School has been organized in this Parish, auxiliary to the Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union, and the system of instruction of that society has been adopted. The number of teachers are 8, and scholars 32. In addition to this, a class of young persons assemble once in two weeks for the purpose of receiving instruction in the holy scriptures. This promises much usefulness, particularly as a preparatory exercise for teachers in the Sunday School.

A parish library has also been formed and is already in effect-



ual operation. This is established as much with a view to benefit the children, as the adult part of the congregation.

*Churches of Washington, Roxbury and Woodbury,—The Rev. William Lucas, Rector.*

Early in November, 1828 I entered upon the duties of these parishes. The Congregation at Washington are entitled to much credit for the firmness with which they have met and overcome many and serious difficulties. Their church is now unusually well attended, and strong hopes are entertained of its increasing prosperity.

Of Roxbury I cannot give so favorable an account. The title to the church and the ground on which it stands is disputed, and the parish has consequently become involved in a very harassing litigation.

At Woodbury the Congregation has increased very much within the last six months. A perfect unanimity prevails in the parish, and an increasing attention is paid to religious subjects. There is a Sunday School consisting of 60 scholars. A Bible class also has recently been organized, which promises to be a means of much usefulness.

Washington, Deaths 2. Roxbury, Death 1. Woodbury, Families, 45; Communicants, 52; Baptisms, 1; Deaths, 2.

*Church at Milton,—The Rev. Truman Marsh, Rector, and the Rev. Harry Finch, Assistant-Minister.*

Number of Families, 64; removed, 3; Communicants, 47—removed 2, died 1, added, 1; Baptism, infant 1; Marriages, 3; Funerals, 5.

The prospects of this Church are much more encouraging than at any former period. The congregation is generally large and attentive. And as an evidence of its increasing prosperity it has for a part of the last, and the whole of the present year, made provision for having divine service one half of the time. Previous to the last year it has never been able to secure the services of a clergyman, more than one third of the time.

*Christ Church, Middletown,—The Rev. Smith Pyne, Rector.*

The present Rector commenced his duties in this parish, the last week in January, and not having obtained an exact census of the congregation and of the communicants, is unable to give more than a general view of the circumstances of his Church.

The prospects of the Church here are highly encouraging. An increased attention to religion, and a growing attachment to our services are apparent and most gratifying.

There have been several accessions to the number of the com

gregation, and some additions, to the communicants, and it is hoped and expected that after the administration of the rite of confirmation, the period for which is at hand, there will be many more.

There have been two Baptisms and two Funerals. The Sunday School has been re-organized, and is in a promising condition. The number of pupils is 106, who are generally regular in their attendance, and seem to take more than usual interest in the exercises of the school. There has been a Society formed, auxiliary to the Church Scholarship Society.

A weekly lecture on the gospel of St. Matthew has been instituted and well attended, but has been suspended in consequence of the attention the Rector has been obliged to devote to the candidates for confirmation.

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*St. Thomas' Church, Canterbury,—Peter Spicer, Senior-Warden.*

The state of this parish is increasing since it was received in union with the other churches. The Rev. Mr. Burgess has officiated four Sundays since the last Convention and has administered the communion once. Exertions are making to erect a place of worship.

Number of Families, about 20; Communicants, 8; Baptisms, 1.

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The Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 8 o'clock.

*Christ Church, Thursday June 4.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Prayers were read by the Secretary. The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The following MISSIONARY REPORTS were then read.

Report of the Rev. Stephen Beach, Missionary in Litchfield County.

*To the Right Rev. T. C. Brownell, Bishop of the Diocese of Conn. and President of the Society for the promotion of Christian Knowledge—*

RIGHT REV. SIR—Since the date of my last report, I have spent the greater part of the Sundays in performing divine service and preaching in St. John's Church, in the town of Salisbury, which for the five years last past, has been the principal place of my ministerial labors. Although I am sensible this place has not, for the last two years been considered missionary ground, I trust it will not be deemed improper to express my fears, that unless aid is again extended to this Parish, its growth and prosperity will necessarily be retarded, if it does not actually become diminished, or at best, stationary. Certain reasons, not necessary to be

mentioned in this Report, appear now to render it extremely necessary that the Church in Salisbury should be kept open as constantly as possible on Sundays, and that the Parish should enjoy the active and almost exclusive duties of a resident clergyman. Its present ability, however, will not afford him an adequate support. Your missionary has believed its increasing ability would have been, ere this, competent to this purpose, but notwithstanding there is cause of thankfulness to the great Head of the Church for his favours there bestowed, certain causes have prevented that rapid increase of means to support a clergyman which had been fondly anticipated. The Parish has ever been ready to do all that could be expected for the support of the Gospel, and perfect harmony and union have prevailed among the families of which it is composed, and between them and their Rector. There are now belonging to the Parish about 67 families, who generally attend public worship at the church on Sundays: The number of communicants who have received the Holy Supper, is 27. There have been six children baptised—four marriages, and twelve funerals. A Sunday School under prosperous circumstances, belongs to the Congregation, consisting of fifty children, superintended and instructed by six teachers.

In the town of Canaan there are between twenty and thirty families of respectability and influence, who decidedly prefer our mode of worship and discipline. These I have frequently visited as belonging to my cure. I have performed divine service in that town since the date of my last report, eighteen times—for the most part, lectures on Sundays, after having performed divine service and preached twice the same day in Salisbury. In Canaan I have baptised eight children, performed three marriages, and attended five funerals. There are seven communicants who attend St John's Church for the Holy communion. On Sunday the 26th of October, I visited Hitchcocksville, a flourishing village, situated on both sides of the Farmington river, near its junction with the waters of Still river, being near the western boundary of the town of Barkhamsted. There I was pleased to find a number of families ardently attached to our mode of worship and discipline; and with them I performed divine services and preached three times. Having previously given encouragement, I again visited that place on the 7th of the following December—performed divine service and preached as before; baptised two adults and four children, and administered the holy communion to eighteen persons. I visited the same village again, performed divine service, and preached on Christmas Eve, and on Christmas day. On the evening of which day I met a number of the inhabitants of that place, and

addressed them on the importance and utility of building a Church for the worship of God in this village—after which, (they resolving it to be expedient) a subscription was opened for that purpose, and a considerable amount subscribed,—a committee was then appointed to make further efforts to procure subscriptions for that object. On Sunday the first of March, I again visited the village, performed divine service, and preached three times to an attentive audience, who performed their part of the services of our Church admirably well for a people which had enjoyed no greater advantages to become accustomed to the use of our Liturgy. On the evening of the following day, according to previous notice, I assisted the inhabitants of the village and its vicinity, in organizing themselves into an Episcopal Society, agreeably to the law of this State, to be known by the name of “The Protestant Episcopal Society of Union Church in Hitchcocksville.” The Society has acceded to the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese, and now wish to be received into union with this Convention. On Sunday the 10th of May, I again performed divine service—baptised one infant, and preached three times in that place. At this time I was highly gratified to learn that they had so far succeeded in obtaining funds for the laudable object of building a Church, as to have fixed on its dimensions, and a site for its erection—it being an eligible piece of ground, presented to the Society by the distinguished gentleman who has been a principal founder and promoter of that growing Village, which bears his name. I was informed that a building committee had been appointed, who had contracted for laying the foundation, and that they had fixed upon the 4th day of July next, for laying the corner stone of their new Church. May God in mercy bless and prosper this new Parish and rising place, for his honor and worship.

On the 7th of September last, agreeably to request, I visited the place called Wolcottsville, a manufacturing village, in the town of Torrington. There I performed divine service, and preached a sermon to an apparently serious and attentive congregation. In the evening a number of gentlemen called at my lodgings and stated that the services of a clergyman of our Church in their village were much desired, and that a considerable sum could be raised immediately to remunerate him for his services, could one be obtained. I gave them some encouragement of again visiting them, but other appointments have hitherto prevented me.

Your Missionary is of opinion that a field for active usefulness would be opened for a clergyman by dividing his time and services between the two villages of Hitchcocksville and Wolcottsville, and he has been informed by gentlemen residing in those



places that about \$200 may be raised in each, annually, making \$400 per annum, towards the support of an Episcopal clergyman to administer to them the word of life. These villages are distant from each other about ten or twelve miles, and connected by an excellent turnpike road. After one or two years fostering care, I believe these parishes would become one of the most important country Cures in the Diocese.

May the Great Head of the Church raise up an active labourer for this important field of his harvest.

All of which is respectfully submitted to the consideration of the Bishop and of the Society, by their Servant in the Gospel Ministry.

STEPHEN BEACH,

*Missionary in Litchfield County.*

Hartford, June 3, A. D. 1829.

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Report of the Rev. E. B. Kellogg, Missionary at Brooklyn and Pomfret.

*To the President of the Society for the promotion of Christian Knowledge.*

RIGHT REV. SIR,—The labours of your Missionary for the year past, have been chiefly confined to the above parishes, as directed. The number of families who consider themselves as belonging to *Trinity Church, Brooklyn*, cannot be accurately stated. Of those who constantly attend our services in this place, the number is about 20.

Communicant, 28—New Communicants, 4 ; Baptisms 12, 3 adults, and 9 children ; Marriages, 1 ; Funeral, 1 ; Sunday Scholars, 36. The Sunday School is flourishing. The Teachers are well informed, and deserve much praise for their unwearied labours. The Library attached to the School, has been selected with care, and amounts in books of every description, to 680.

In consequence of former misfortunes, I found this Parish in a broken, and almost ruined condition. Many families who were once attached to our spiritual Mother had forsaken her. A proselyting spirit had gone forth. The whole grounds about our Zion had been reaped. The rake had even passed over the very gleanings of the harvest, and few indeed were the scattered ears, for "the stranger and the poor." But God has been pleased to visit this interesting Parish, with something of his former mercies. They now begin to hope that they shall yet do well ; and indeed, the following statements will serve to show, that they not only *have* done well, but that others have done well for them. The house and glebe, which once belonged to the Society, and

were sold to discharge a debt, have been *redeemed*. Six hundred dollars for this purpose, were subscribed by seven individuals of the Parish. Two hundred more, were furnished by a benevolent friend in Boston, and fifty dollars were received in this city. Add to this, a kind benefactor in New York, whose name is unknown, has given the Parish one hundred and twenty dollars, to be expended in the necessary repairs of the house and glebe; and two worshippers belonging to Trinity Church, Boston, (whose names are also unknown,) have granted another hundred for the same object. The Parish have also made some material alterations for the better, in the interior of their Church. From Trinity Church, Boston, they have been presented with handsome and appropriate dressings for the Pulpit, Reading Desk, and Altar. The Parish is out of debt, and authorize me to state, that they are able to dispense, for the year ensuing, with fifty dollars of the sum furnished them last season, by the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge. The redemption of the glebe will serve as a future bond of union to this Society—help them essentially to support a minister, and we doubt not, will prove to them and their children, a permanent blessing. A spirit of confidence is beginning to revive among those, who a year ago, looked upon this insulated portion of our Church with a distrustful eye.

The congregation has evidently increased, and I would fain hope, that He who has blessed us outwardly, has not given this as our only and better portion. A Bible class composed of the young and middle aged, have met on Sunday evening during the past winter. I have endeavoured to give them such instructions as I could. The event is left with the "Giver of good things." To the Society for the promotion of Christian Knowledge, this Parish is indebted under God, for the benefits of the past year. With the continuance of such aid as may be needed, they will look to the future with comfortable hopes. They transmit to your Society, \$13 37 1-2.

#### *Parish at Pomfret.*

The number of families who attend Church here, is about the same as at Brooklyn, and there is the same difficulty of ascertaining precisely, who among them are willing to be called by our name. Communicants, 15—New Communicants, 3—Baptisms, 4—Marriages, 1—Funerals, 2—Sunday Scholars, from 15 to 20.

The Library belonging to the School is not large, but the books in general are well chosen. This Parish was organised in May, 1828, and received into union by this Convention at their last sitting. They are now contemplating the erection of a Church. Dimensions, 50 by 32. A valuable lot for the pur-

pose, has been given by Charles Hall, Esq. of Harlem. The stone, and most of the timber for the building is prepared, and the work it is thought, will soon be commenced.

The Parish however, will not be able to complete their Church at present, unless aid should be received from their brethren elsewhere. The inconvenience of the place in which we assembled for worship, and the difficulty of accommodating those who are disposed to attend our services, has driven them to the necessity of building thus early. Upon the completion of the edifice, will depend very many of the benefits which they hoped to derive from a new Church. Could it be finished, the prospects of this infant Parish would be every way encouraging. The peculiar circumstances of the surrounding population are well known to the President, and need not here be repeated. Owing to the burden of the work in hand, they solicit the continuance of the same aid granted them by the Society for the last year. The blessings of peace, rest upon the benefactors of this little flock !

As your Missionary is the only one employed by the Society in Windham county, perhaps it may not be deemed improper, should he speak of those who are not under his immediate charge. At Plainfield, there are several respectable and wealthy families, who are anxious to obtain (as soon as may be) the services of an Episcopal Missionary. In consequence of some encouragement to this effect, they have secured to their use a vacant Meeting-house, near a Factory, a few miles from the village, and also a large School house in the village itself. Their wish is, that the Missionary may officiate alternately at each. For his support, (as I am informed) they can raise two hundred dollars, and are looking to the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, to supply what else may be necessary. It is the opinion of those who have the best opportunity of judging, that could a proper Missionary be sent to Plainfield, a numerous congregation might *soon*, and certainly be collected.

Indeed, it is a source of lamentation to the friends of our Zion on the Eastern border, that so promising a field should remain unoccupied ; and especially, to be witnesses of that sickness of heart, which springs from "hope deferred."

E. B. KELLOGG,

*Rector of the Churches at Brooklyn and Pomfret, and  
Missionary to the same.*

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Parochial Reports be referred to the committee on the state of the Church.

The Rev. Mr. Humphreys, from the committee on the proposed alterations in the Liturgy, made the following Report, which was read and accepted :—



*Resolved*, That the alterations in the Liturgy, proposed by the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, are considered by this Convention as inexpedient.

The above Report was then unanimously adopted as expressive of the sense of this Convention.

On motion, *Resolved*, That, in conformity with the wishes of its Delegate, the Parish of Hitchcocksville, be connected for the present year with the Parish of Hartford.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Convention now proceed to transact the business of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge. The Rev. F. Holcomb, the Rev. D. Burhans, and Mr. I. Foote were appointed a committee to nominate officers for the Society; who thereupon reported the following nominations;

Rt. Rev. T. C. BROWNELL, D. D. L. L. D. Ex Officio President.

Rev. DANIEL BURHANS, 1st Vice-President.

Mr. SAMUEL W. JOHNSON, 2d Vice-President.

Mr. JOHN BEACH, Recording Secretary.

Rev. H. CROSWELL, Corresponding Secretary.

Mr. WM. M'CRACKAN, Treasurer.

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 " J. HOADLEY,  
 " C. BUTLER,  
 " L. BREWER,  
 " J. M. GOODWIN,  
 " G. TOTTEN,  
 " S. CHURCH.

These persons were then appointed by the vote of the Convention to the respective offices to which they were nominated by the committee.

A resolution was offered, and passed unanimously, that this Convention recommend to the friends of the Church in this Diocese, to do what may lie in their power to procure additional subscribers to the Episcopal Watchman.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Convention proceed to the election of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary. The Rev. Mr. Burhans, the Rev. Mr. Baldwin, the Rev. Mr. Wheaton, were appointed a committee to make out a nomina-

tion, and having reported the following, the persons therein named were elected by the Convention, viz :

The Rev. Mr. Burhans, the Rev. Mr. Croswell, the Rev. Mr. Marsh, the Rev. Mr. Judd, Mr. Nathan Smith, Mr. Samuel W. Johnson, Mr. Richard Adams, and Mr. Burrage Beach.

The Report of the Committee on the ~~Connecticut~~ Church Scholarship Society was read and accepted.

The following report was read and accepted, and on motion, the subjoined resolution passed : The committee to which was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the Episcopal Academy at Cheshire, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully beg leave to report—That from the view taken by your committee of past events, they are constrained to believe that any union between the church of Cheshire and the Academy, is to be deprecated as injurious to the best interests of the Church. Experience confirms the correctness of this view ; nor is it difficult to assign causes for such a consequence. The services of a minister divided between the care of a school and that of a church, must of necessity, be in a great degree inefficient. The charge of such a parish as Cheshire is quite enough to occupy the undivided time of one man. If it should be said that the pecuniary circumstances of the parish are not such as will enable them to provide themselves with the continual services of a clergyman,—in reply to this objection which has occurred to your committee, they would answer, that they are unanimously of opinion, and they believe that facts justify this opinion, that the spiritual prosperity of any parish will be more advanced by the parochial services of a clergyman one half of the time, than by the regular Sunday services of a minister encumbered with the cares of a school. On an examination of the original constitution of the Academy as submitted to the Legislature of this State at the time of its incorporation, your committee have come to the conclusion that the suggestion made by our Diocesan in his address, cannot be adopted by the Convention, because it transcends its powers. The Convention has no control over the funds of the Academy. The management of those funds is confided to a Board of Trustees appointed by the Convention ; and to the Convention belongs also the right of appointing the Principal of the Institution : here its power terminates. Under the conviction before expressed of the ill consequences resulting from the union of the Academy and Church ; your committee respectfully and unanimously recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Convention it is inexpedient that the same gentleman should fill the offices of Principal

of the Episcopal Academy at Cheshire, and pastor of the Episcopal Congregation in that place.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS L. HAWKS, *Chairman.*

The Convention adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

*Christ Church, 2 o'clock, P. M.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The Constitution of the Church Scholarship Society, as amended by a committee appointed for that purpose, was reported by the president, and having been read article by article, the Constitution as amended was unanimously adopted by the society; and on motion, the Convention approved of the same, pursuant to the eighth article of the former Constitution, providing for alterations therein.

*Resolved* by the Church Scholarship Society, That the former officers of the society be continued in office until the first annual meeting of the Society under the new Constitution, on the day immediately preceding the commencement of Washington College.

The Rev. Mr. Wheaton resigned the office of Corresponding Secretary to the Church Scholarship Society, and the Rev. Mr. Barlow was elected by the Society to fill the vacancy.

On motion, the thanks of the Society were returned to the Rev. Mr. Barlow for his services as Agent.

The Rev. Mr. Judd from the committee on the state of the Church, made the following report, which was read and accepted:

Your Committee on the State of the Church have to regret that the very limited time for making their report, precludes every thing like a minute detail of the circumstances relating to the subject presented to their consideration; but from information communicated, they have the pleasure of presenting to the consideration of the Convention, and through them to the Church in this Diocese, something that is encouraging to the friends of our Zion.

Contemplating the field in which it hath pleased the Great Head of the Church to place us, and the difficulties that have been encountered; we have much cause of thankfulness for the blessings that have attended the efforts of the servants of God, in raising to the present condition of comparative prosperity, this part of his spiritual building. To say nothing of the prejudices that our Zion has encountered, the change from small beginnings to its present condition, is evidence of the power of that

blessed spirit that rests upon them that worship and serve God in sincerity and truth.

Comparing the situation and the prospects of the Church now with what they were when our forefathers laid the foundation, we have many reasons for grateful acknowledgments to the *Giver of every good and perfect gift*, and many incentives to fervent adoration and increased efforts to extend the borders, and to water the fields that holy men of God have planted. We have the pleasure of seeing new and improved Churches, a gradual increase of worshippers, an unusual number of faithful laborers, seminaries of learning to supply deficiencies, societies that have effected something and promise more towards the extension of religious knowledge, by means of the Bible, prayer book and missionaries, to which we may add the Scholarship Society, African School, Bible Classes, and Sunday Schools, all useful instruments in the hand of Providence for strengthening the weak, instructing the ignorant, reclaiming the wandering, and building up this holy temple to the Lord.

Although we contemplate what has been done with thankfulness, yet when we look forward to what remains to be accomplished, we may well say *who is sufficient for these things?* As long as sinners are to be found there is room for zealous exertions for their reformation; and success cannot be anticipated without fervent prayer and laborious efforts.

In viewing the spiritual condition of our Zion we have the happiness to contemplate an increase of theological attainments, piety and zeal in her clergy, and of liberality and devotedness to her cause among the laity, with harmony of feeling and unity of exertion.

With all these flattering prospects, much room remains for improvement, and the more we see doing and done the more we shall see to be accomplished. Lukewarmness and a reluctance to make suitable efforts in the cause of Christ is too evident in some sections of the Church, while in other places a too great devotedness to the world and its vanities paralyzes the efforts of both ministers and people. The souls of men are of too much value to be trifled away for the charms of the world, and when men who call on the name of the Lord and look for salvation to the merits of Christ, can be induced to lend their hearts to the pomps and vanities of the world, alarming dangers are to be apprehended.

To secure the future prosperity of the Church, the harmonious efforts of both ministers and people must bring into action the feelings of the heart, the powers of the mind, and the devotedness of the soul to God. The externals of religion may be

beautiful and splendid, and the form of godliness may spread far and wide; but what are these when its power is not deeply felt, or when the holy truths sealed by the blood of apostles and martyrs are rejected or coldly assented to? The sinfulness of the human heart must be felt, faith in the atoning blood of Christ must be consented to in the affections, and all the duties of Christianity practised, to render the spiritual building of God *all glorious within*. Sacrifices must be made, and the standard of the cross must be raised over the ruins of pride and selfishness and vanity, for the safety of our own souls, and the souls of our fellow men.

Churchmen have reason to be thankful for the sacredness of their ministry and sacraments, for the purity of their formularies, and the hopeful stability of their doctrines and institutions; but to commend the Church to them that seek the truth, it becomes us to *adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things*. The Church built upon the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone, will never fail, nor can the gates of hell prevail against it; but they who will hasten the time when *men shall see eye to eye*, must be valiant for the truth to that end. Churchmen who love the Church, will not let present attainments satisfy their expectations; *but forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things that are before, they will press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus*.

The Convention separated for the purpose of electing delegates to the General Convention. In the house of clerical members of the Convention, the Rev. Mr. Croswell, the Rev. Mr. Wheaton, the Rev. Mr. Burhans, and the Rev. Mr. Sherwood, were elected. In the house of lay delegates, Mr. Richard Adams, Mr. Samuel Tudor, Mr. Phillip S. Galpin, and Mr. Samuel W. Johnson, were elected. On motion,

*Resolved*, That in case of the invalidity or indisposition of any of the above named delegates to attend the General Convention, the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese be authorized to appoint a substitute or substitutes.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be given to the Rev. Professor Humphreys, for his sermon preached at the opening of this Convention: and to the Rev. Mr. Hawks for his sermon preached last evening in behalf of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge.

The following resolution was offered, and after an animated discussion, was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That this Convention views with gratification the enlarged operations of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary

Society, and deeming it an institution highly deserving the support of the members of the Church in this Diocese, urges upon every parish which does not already extend aid to it in some other mode, to make an annual collection in aid of the society, after a sermon on the duty and need of missions, by the minister.

Thanks were also voted to the Secretary and assistant Secretary of this Convention.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That this Convention adjourn, *sine die*, after the customary acts of devotion.

The members united in singing the last four verses of the 122d Psalm ; appropriate prayers from the Liturgy were read by the Bishop ; who closed the exercises with the benediction ; and the Convention adjourned.

THOMAS C. BROWNELL, D. D., L. L. D.,

Bishop of the Diocese of Connecticut, *President*.

WM. JARVIS, *Secretary*.

## APPENDIX.

(NO. 1.)

*The Episcopal Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge in  
account with Wm. M'Crackan.*

|           |   | DR.          |           |
|-----------|---|--------------|-----------|
|           |   | dols.        | cts.      |
| 1828.     |   |              |           |
| June 7.   | To cash paid Rev. Stephen Beach,                                | 30           | 00        |
| Nov. 7.   | " cash paid Rev. Ezra B. Kellogg, per order of Bishop Brownell. | 100          | 00        |
| Oct. 6.   | " cash paid Rev. Wm. T. Potter, per order of Bishop Brownell,   | 50           | 00        |
| 1829.     |   |              |           |
| April 30. | " cash paid Rev. Daniel Somers, per order,                      | 50           | 00        |
| May 18.   | " cash paid Rev. Ashbel Steele,                                 | 30           | 00        |
| June 1.   | Balance due from Wm. M'Crackan, including \$200 permanent Fund, | 558          | 47        |
|           |   | <b>\$818</b> | <b>47</b> |

Due the Convention,  
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|          |  | dols.        | cts.      |
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| 1828.    |  |              |           |
| June 2d. | By balance due from William M'Crackan,                           | 447          | 19        |
| " "      | " cash from Hartford Auxiliary Society,                          | 77           | 50        |
| " "      | " do. collected at Hartford,                                     | 23           | 11        |
| " 6.     | " do. " Bethany,   | 3            | 55        |
| " 7.     | " do. " Derby,   | 1            | 50        |
|          | " do. " Humphreysville,  | 1            | 25        |
|          | " do. " Stamford,  | 10           | 67        |
|          | " do. " Stratford,   | 20           | 67        |
|          | " do. " Fairfield,   | 9            | 00        |
|          | " do. " Sharon,  | 5            | 00        |
|          | " do. " Wilton,  | 6            | 50        |
|          | " do. " Salisbury,   | 3            | 00        |
|          | " do. " St. Peter's, Plymouth,                                   | 8            | 28        |
|          | " do. " Hebron,  | 3            | 11        |
|          | " do. " Waterbury,   | 20           | 00        |
|          | " do. " Bridgeport,  | 15           | 00        |
|          | " do. " Wallingford,   | 2            | 00        |
|          | " do. " Glastenbury,   | 4            | 67        |
|          | " do. " Newtown,   | 20           | 00        |
|          | " do. " Guilford,  | 5            | 40        |
|          | " do. " North Guilford,  | 3            | 62        |
|          | " do. " New London,  | 12           | 18        |
|          | " do. " East Haddam,   | 4            | 00        |
|          | " do. " Cheshire,  | 2            | 00        |
|          | " do. " New-Haven,   | 9            | 00        |
|          | " do. " Norwalk, during the session of the Convention,           | 26           | 24        |
| July 11. | " cash collected at Norwich, by Ladies' and Gentlemen's Society, | 36           | 65        |
| 1829.    |  |              |           |
| Feb. 1.  | By interest on \$200 Fund, from 1st Feb. 1828, to February 1829, | 12           | 00        |
| May 25.  | Cash collected at Trinity Church, New Haven.                     | 25           | 38        |
|          |  | <b>\$818</b> | <b>47</b> |

June 1—By balance due from Wm. M'Crackan, including \$200 Permanent Fund,

\$858 47

## (No. 2.)

*Convention Fund.*

Monies received during the session of the Convention of 1829.

|         |                           |         |
|---------|---------------------------|---------|
| June 4. | From Hartford,            | 5       |
|         | Cheshire,                 | 1       |
|         | Wallingford,              | 1       |
|         | Wilton and Ridgefield,    | 2 25    |
|         | Salisbury,                | 1       |
|         | Bridgeport,               | 3       |
|         | North-Haven,              | 1       |
|         | New-Preston,              | 1 25    |
|         | Norwich,                  | 2 50    |
|         | Derby and Humphreysville, | 2 50    |
|         | New-Haven,                | 12      |
|         | Essex,                    | 1       |
|         | Watertown,                | 1 50    |
|         | Hebron,                   | 1 25    |
|         | Norwalk,                  | 3       |
|         | Southington,              | 50      |
|         | Meriden,                  | 1       |
|         | Middletown,               | 3 50    |
|         | Granby,                   | 1       |
|         | Plymouth, St. Peter's,    | 1 75    |
|         | " St. Matthews,           | 50      |
|         | Glastenbury,              | 1       |
|         | Woodbury,                 | 1 25    |
|         | New-London,               | 8       |
|         | Guilford,                 | 1 20    |
|         | New-Town,                 | 2 75    |
|         | Simsbury,                 | 1       |
|         | New-Milford,              | 2 50    |
|         | Fairfield,                | 2 25    |
|         | Washington,               | 50      |
|         | Warehouse Point,          | 1 25    |
|         | Pomfret and Brooklyn,     | 1       |
|         | East-Haddam,              | 1       |
|         | North-Killingworth,       | 50      |
|         | Woodbridge,               | 1 50    |
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|         |                           | \$68 20 |



The following Parishes have not made the contributions to the Convention Fund, as required by a resolution of the Convention in a former year.

Trinity Church, Branford,  
 ——— Church, North-Branford,  
 St. John's Church, North-Guilford,  
 Christ Church, East-Haven,  
 St. Michael's Church, Northford,  
 Grace Church, Hamden,  
 ——— Church, West-Haven,  
 St. George's, Milford,  
 St. Peter's Church, } Oxford,  
 Christ Church, }  
 St. John's Church, Waterbury,  
 Christ Church, Woodbridge,  
 ——— Church, Salem,  
 Christ Church, Middle-Haddam,  
 Trinity Church, Chatham,  
 Christ Church, Stratford,  
 ——— Church, Weston,  
 St. James' Church, Danbury,  
 Christ Church, Reading,  
 St. Paul's Church, Brookfield,  
 St. Paul's Church, Huntington,  
 St. Peter's Church, Monroe,  
 Christ Church, Trumbull,  
 ——— Church, New-Canaan,  
 St. Michael's Church, Litchfield,  
 ——— Church, Bradleyville,  
 ——— Church, Milton,  
 St. Paul's Church, Sharon,  
 St. John's Church, Kent,  
 ——— Church, Bridgewater,  
 ——— Church, Roxbury,  
 ——— Church, Bethlehem,  
 ——— Church, Canaan,  
 ——— Church, Cornwall,  
 ——— Church, Goshen,  
 ——— Church, Northfield,  
 St. John's Church, Barkhamstead.

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**ANNUAL CONVENTION**

OF THE

**PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,**

IN THE

**DIOCESE OF CONNECTICUT:**

HELD IN

**ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL, NEW HAVEN,**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, AND THURSDAY, JUNE 25,**

**A. D. 1830.**

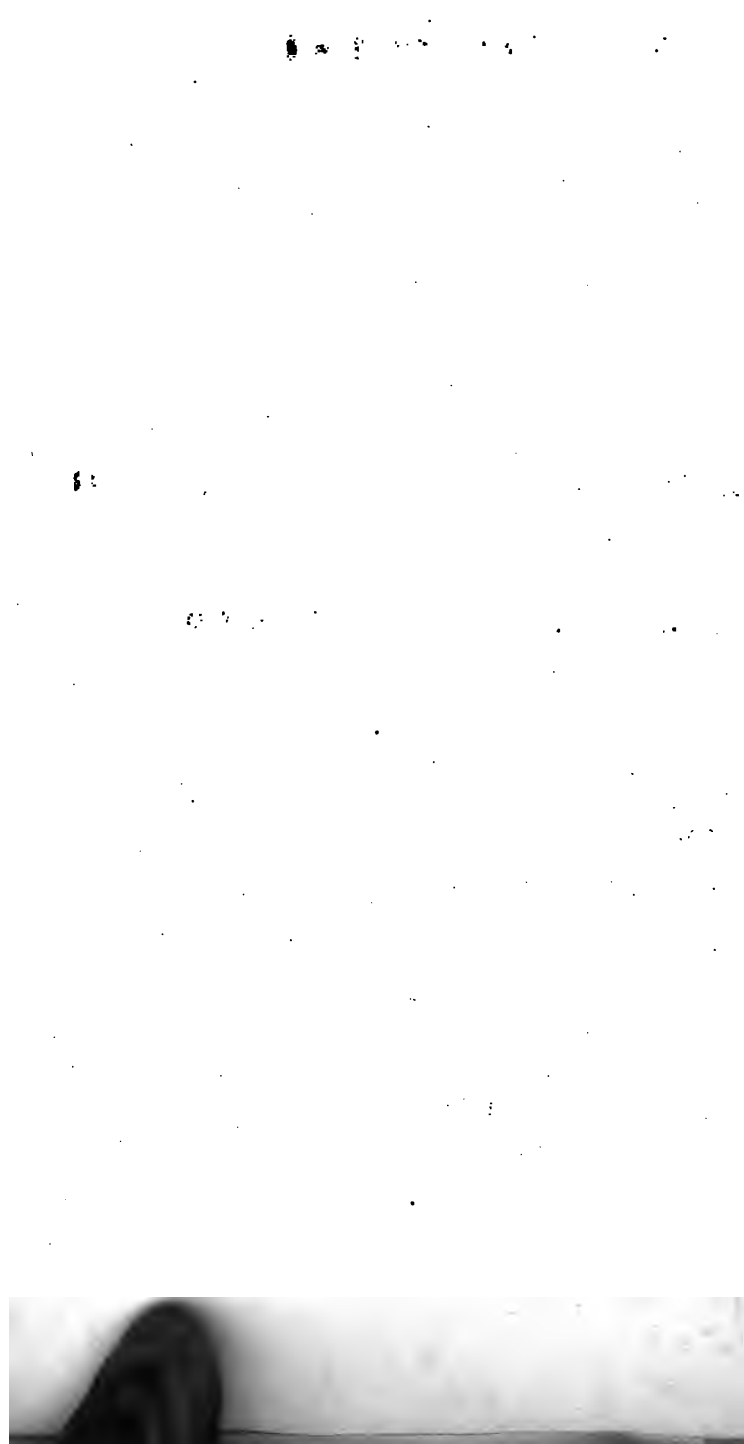
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LIST OF THE  
*Clergy of the Diocese of Connecticut.*  
JUNE, 1830.

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The Right Rev. THOMAS C. BROWNELL, D. D. L. L. D., Bishop,  
and President of Washington College. Hartford.

The Rev. GEORGE B. ANDREWS, Rector of St. John's Church, Kent,  
and St. Paul's Church, Sharon, residing at Amenia.

The Rev. ASHBEL BALDWIN, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Walling-  
ford, and Trinity Church, North Haven.

The Rev. DAVID BALDWIN, Rector of Christ Church, Guilford, and  
St. John's Church, North Guilford.

The Rev. WILLIAM BARLOW, residing in Hartford.

The Rev. STEPHEN BEACH, Rector of St. John's Church, Salisbury.

The Rev. DAVID BELDEN, residing at Wilton.

The Rev. BENJAMIN BENHAM, residing in Brookfield.

The Rev. SOLOMON BLAKESLEY.

The Rev. NATHANIEL B. BURGESS, residing at Preston.

The Rev. DANIEL BURHANS, Rector of Trinity Church, Newtown.

The Rev. PETER G. CLARK, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, East  
Haddam, and Union Church, North Killingworth.

The Rev. JOSEPH T. CLARK, officiating in St. Peter's and St. Mat-  
thew's Churches, Plymouth.

The Rev. ASA CORNWALL, residing at Cheshire.

The Rev. JOSEPH S. COVELL, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Brook-  
field.

The Rev. HARRY CROSWELL, Rector of Trinity Church, includ-  
ing St. Paul's Chapel, New Haven.

The Rev. WILLIAM A. CURTIS, Rector of St. Peter's Church, and  
Christ Church, Oxford.

The Rev. JOHN M. GARFIELD, Principal of a Ladies' Academy,  
New Haven, and officiating in Hamden.

The Rev. ALPHEUS GEER, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Hebron,  
and Christ Church, Middle Haddam.

The Rev. FREDERICK HOLCOMB, Rector of the Churches in Wa-  
tertown and Northfield.

The Rev. ORIGEN P. HOLCOMB, Rector of St. Matthew's Church,  
Wilton, and — Church, Ridgefield.

The Rev. LEMUEL B. HULL, Rector of St. James' Church, Dan-  
bury, and Christ Church, Reading.

The Rev. HECTOR HUMPHREYS, Professor of Languages in Wash-  
ington College, Hartford, and Rector of St. Luke's Church, Glasten-  
bury.

The Rev. ENOCH HUNTINGTON, Rector of St. John's Church,  
New Milford.

The Rev. EDWARD J. IVES, Rector of Trinity Church, Branford.

*Humphreysville*, Union Church.

*Oxford*, { St. Peter's Church.  
Christ Church.

*Waterbury*, St. John's Church.

\* *Salem*, — Church.

*Woodbridge*, Christ Church.

*Middlebury*, — Church.

#### FAIRFIELD COUNTY.

*Stratford*, Christ Church.

*Bridgeport*, St. John's Church.

*Fairfield*, Trinity Church.

\* *Weston*, — Church.

*Norwalk*, St. Paul's Church.

*Stamford*, St. John's Church.

*Wilton*, St. Matthew's Church.

*Ridgefield*, — Church.

*Danbury*, St. James' Church.

*Reading*, Christ Church.

*Newtown*, { Trinity Church.

{ St. James' Church.

*Brookfield*, St. Paul's Church.

*Huntington*, St. Paul's Church.

\* *Monroe*, St. Peter's Church.

\* *Trumbull*, Christ Church.

\* *New Canaan*, — Church.

#### LITCHFIELD COUNTY.

*Litchfield*, St. Michael's Church.

" *Bradleyville*, — Church.

" *Milton*, — Church.

*New-Milford*, St. John's Church.

" *Bridgewater*, — Church.

*Sharon*, St. Paul's Church.

*Kent*, St. John's Church.

*New Preston*, St. Andrew's Church.

\* *Washington*, — Church.

*Salisbury*, St. John's Church.

*Woodbury*, St. John's Church.

\* *Roxbury*, — Church.

\* *Bethlehem*, — Church.

*Watertown*, Christ Church.

\* *Canaan*, — Church.

\* *Cornwall*, — Church.

\* *Goshen*, — Church.

\* *Northfield*, — Church.

\* *Barhamstead*, St. John's Church.

*Plymouth*, { St. Peter's Church.

{ St. Matthew's Church.

*Number of Congregations*, 83.

\* These Parishes were not represented in Convention by Delegates.

# JOURNAL

OF THE

## CONVENTION, 1830.

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*New-Haven, June 2d, 1830.*

This being the day appointed by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of Connecticut, for the meeting of the Annual Convention of said Church, the Rt. Rev. T. C. Brownell, D. D. LL. D. the Bishop of the Diocese, and several Clergymen and Lay-Delegates, attended at 10 o'clock, A. M. in Trinity Church in this city, which had been appointed by the Bishop as the place of meeting.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Henry Judah, Rector of St. John's Church, Bridgeport, and the sermon preached by the Rev. Bethel Judd, Rector of St. James' Church, New-London.

The Bishop then held an ordination, and admitted to the holy order of Priests, the Rev. Norman Pinney, Adjunct Professor of Languages in Washington College, Hartford.

The religious exercises being concluded, the Bishop took the Chair, and appointed the Rev. A. Baldwin, the Rev. Wm. Jarvis, and the Rev. L. B. Hull, a Committee to receive and examine the testimonials of the Lay-Delegates.

The Convention adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon, to meet in St. Paul's Chapel.

*St. Paul's Chapel, 3 o'clock, P. M.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The list of the clergy of the Diocese being called over, the following members answered to their names, and took their seats :

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| <p>The Rt. Rev. T. C. BROWNELL,<br/>D. D. LL. D.</p> <p>Rev. GEORGE B. ANDREWS,</p> <p>" ASHBEL BALDWIN,</p> <p>" DAVID BALDWIN,</p> <p>" WILLIAM BARLOW,</p> <p>" STEPHEN BEACH,</p> <p>" DANIEL BURHANS,</p> <p>" JOSEPH T. CLARK,</p> <p>" PETER G. CLARK,</p> <p>" ASA CORNWALL,</p> | <p>Rev. JOSEPH S. COVELL,</p> <p>" HARRY CROSWELL,</p> <p>" WM. A. CURTIS,</p> <p>" JOHN M. GARFIELD,</p> <p>" ALPHEUS GEER,</p> <p>" FRED'K HOLCOMB,</p> <p>" ORIGEN P. HOLCOMB,</p> <p>" LEMUEL B. HULL,</p> <p>" HECTOR HUMPHREYS,</p> <p>" ENOCH HUNTINGTON,</p> <p>" WILLIAM JARVIS,</p> |
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Rev. STEPHEN JEWETT,  
 " ISAAC JONES,  
 " HENRY R. JUDAH,  
 " BETHEL JUDD,  
 " JAMES KEELER,  
 " EZRA B. KELLOGG,  
 " TRUMAN MARSH,  
 " RICHARD PECK,  
 " SETH B. PADDOCK,  
 " NORMAN PINNEY,  
 " WM. T. POTTER,

Rev. CHAUNCEY PRINDLE,  
 " SMITH PYNE,  
 " RODNEY ROSSITER,  
 " GEORGE C. SHEPHERD,  
 " REUBEN SHERWOOD,  
 " CHARLES SMITH,  
 " ASHBEL STEELE,  
 " JOHN S. STONE,  
 " AMBROSE S. TODD,  
 " NATH'L. S. WHEATON.

The following Clergymen, entitled to seats in this Convention, or residing in this Diocese, were not present :

Rev. DAVID BELDEN,  
 " BENJAMIN BENHAM,  
 " N. B. BURGESS,  
 " CHRISTIAN F. CRUSE,  
 " EDWARD I. IVES,  
 " REUBEN IVES,

Rev. WM. LUCAS,  
 " HORATIO POTTER,  
 " RANSOM WARNER,  
 " GEORGE S. WHITE,  
 " MILTON WILCOX,

The Rev. A. Baldwin, from the Committee, to whom the certificates of the Lay Delegates were referred, reported that the following persons had been duly elected, to represent their respective parishes in this Convention :

Charles T. Nichols, } *Bridgeport.*  
 Benjamin Brooks, }  
 Isaac Stiles, } *North Haven.*  
 John G. Tomlinson, }  
 Dr. Samuel French, } *Milford.*  
 Elihu Harrison, }  
 Eli Wilmot, } *Litchfield.*  
 Arnold Hurd, } *Monroe.*  
 Abijah C. Peet, } *Salisbury.*  
 Ashbel Landon, }  
 William M. Burrall, } *Canaan.*  
 Daniel Lyod, } *Reading.*  
 John Meeker, }  
 Joseph Shelton, } *Huntington.*  
 Jesse Tuttle, Jun. } *Hamden.*  
 D. D. Warner, } *Plymouth, St. Peters.*  
 E. Talmage, }  
 Constant L. Tuttle, } *do. St. Matthews.*  
 Philip Sage, } *Chatham.*  
 David Cornwall, }  
 Henry Beers, } *Newtown, Trinity.*  
 Jacob Beers, } *do. St. James.*  
 Benjamin Hard, }  
 Alanson Warren, } *Watertown.*  
 William Dayton, }  
 John Riggs, } *Humphreysville.*  
 John C. Wheeler, }  
 \*Henry L. Dekoven, } *Middletown.*  
 Ebenezer Jackson, Jr. }

Jesse Ives, } *Hitchcockville.*  
 Asaph Pinney, }  
 Levi Hotchkiss, } *Derby.*  
 Leonard Davis, } *North Killingworth.*  
 William Robinson, } *Fairfield.*  
 Simeon H. Miner, } *Stamford.*  
 Joseph Finch, } *Southington.*  
 Samuel Wire, } *Oxford.*  
 Daniel Humiston, } *Cheshire.*  
 Emeluel Moss, }  
 Erastus Loveridge, } *New Preston.*  
 Wait S. Northrop, } *Brookfield.*  
 Zera S. A. Peck, }  
 Dav. Beecher, } *Woodbridge, Bathing.*  
 John Russel, }  
 Thaddeus Hoyt, } *Willton.*  
 Victor Fowler, } *North Guilford.*  
 Dr. Federal Vandeburgh, } *New*  
 John G. Noble, } *Milford.*  
 Asa Curtis, } *Stratford.*  
 Edwards Johnson, }  
 Felix Starkey, } *Essex.*  
 Alfred Worthington, } *Barnough.*  
 Phineas S. Bradley, } *Woodbury.*  
 James Moody, }  
 Joshua R. Jewett, } *Granby.*  
 Almond Gillet, }  
 Enos H. Curtis, } *Meriden.*  
 Moses Andrews, }

John S. Peters, } *Hebron.*  
 Joel Foote, }  
 Friend Starr, } *Danbury.*  
 \* Ira Barnum, }  
 Richard Adams, } *Norwich.*  
 Albert Smith, }  
 Daniel Steele, Jun. } *Waterbury.*  
 Frederick Lee, } *Guilford.*

\* Wm. H. Imley, }  
 \* Simeon Griswold, } *Hartford.*  
 \* Samuel Tudor, }  
 Cyprian Nichols, }  
 E. A. Prescott, } *New Haven.*  
 Beriah Bradley, }  
 Artemas Worthington, } *Salem.*

These Delegates were present, with the exception of those whose names have this mark (\*) affixed to them; and the roll being called, answered to their names, and took seats in Convention.

A quorum of both orders being present, the Convention proceeded to the election of a Secretary by ballot, when the Rev. WILLIAM JARVIS was unanimously re-elected. On motion, the Convention appointed Mr. BENJAMIN BROOKS, Assistant Secretary.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, who may be in the City, and not entitled to seats, and Candidates for Holy Orders, be admitted to honorary seats in the Convention.

Whereupon, the Rev. J. J. Robertson, a Missionary of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States; the Rev. Harry Finch, from the Diocese of New Jersey; and the Rev. Russell W. Wheeler, from the Diocese of New York; and Mr. Fitch W. Taylor, and Mr. Charles Bradley, candidates for Holy Orders, took seats in Convention.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Brownell, agreeably to the 45th Canon of the General Convention of 1808, "providing for an accurate view of the state of the Church," delivered the following

## ADDRESS.

*My brethren of the Clergy and of the Laity:*

The course of time has brought us to another of those periods, when we are accustomed to assemble together for mutual counsel and encouragement, and to devise such measures as, with the divine blessing, may conduce to the welfare and prosperity of our Zion. It is a season of much interest to ourselves and to the Church. We are naturally led to review the events of the past year, and to inquire what we have done to advance the cause of our divine Redeemer. We bring forward a record of our labors, and a statement of the condition of those portions of the Church which constitute the sphere of our respective duties. It must lead us into an inquiry as to the fidelity with which we have discharged our trusts, and to a grateful recognition of the divine agency where our labors have been prospered. The lights which we bring together serve to aid us in our counsels; and a sense of our own imperfections, which a review of the past cannot fail to inspire, must lead us to seek that divine direc-



tion and assistance, without which all our consultations are but vain, and all our labors useless.

Since our last annual meeting, I have had ample opportunities of witnessing the condition of the Church at large, as well as in our own particular diocese. The survey has been highly encouraging, and such as should animate our exertions in the cause of primitive truth and order. In the month of June last, I attended the examination, and the *Commencement* of our General Theological Seminary, established at New York. This Institution will have its salutary influence extended, and its permanency secured, by the munificent bequest of one hundred thousand dollars, to be derived from the estate of the late Mr. Khone, after the decease of his widow. It is greatly to be lamented, that so few of our candidates for Holy Orders avail themselves of the advantages which this Seminary presents. So far as they are deterred by considerations in regard to the expense, may we not hope that a remedy will soon be found in the beneficence of the friends of the Church.

In August last, I attended the meeting of the General Convention of our Church, at Philadelphia. Its proceedings were highly interesting; and the Report on the state of the Church, presents such a view of the prosperity of the several Dioceses, as should call forth our thankfulness to the great Shepherd and Bishop of souls, who watches over them. The Right Rev. Dr. Meade was consecrated as Assistant Bishop of Virginia; and two new dioceses, Kentucky and Tennessee, were received into union with the Convention.

At the request of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of our Church, I have made an extensive Tour through those western and southern States of the Union, which are not under the jurisdiction of any Bishop of our Church; for the purpose of performing such Episcopal offices as might be desired, to visit the Missionary stations established by the society, and to take a general survey of the country, for the purpose of designating such other Missionary stations as might be usefully established. A summary Report of this Visitation has been made to the Board of Directors of the Society. It may suffice, for the present occasion, to state, that something more than one-third of the past year has been devoted to this Visitation. During which time, I have travelled nearly six thousand miles; preached or assisted at divine service, seventy-four times; administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on several occasions; baptized twenty-two children, and twelve adults; administered the holy rite of Confirmation, in seven parishes, to one hundred and forty-two persons; consecrated the churches at Lexington and Louisville in Kentucky, at Natchez, Jefferson, and Woodville, in Mississippi, and at New Orleans, in Louisiana. I also admitted the Rev. John C. Porter, of the diocese of Mississippi, to the Holy Order of Priests. In the course of my visit to Louisiana and Alabama, I presided at Conven-

tions for the regular organization of the Church in those States. Preliminary measures were also taken, at these Conventions, for uniting the Churches of Mississippi, Louisiana, and Alabama, into a *South-Western Diocese*. At the next meeting of the General Convention, it is probable that these measures may be so matured, as to open the way for the consecration of a resident Bishop, to preside over the concerns of the Church in this interesting portion of our country. It is probable, too, that measures will soon be taken, by the Dioceses of Kentucky and Tennessee, for the election and consecration of a Bishop, whose administrations may be extended over the *North-Western* portion of the Union. Such arrangements would open a wide region for the extension of the institutions of our Church, and must prove highly auspicious to the cause of religion in the West.

It is with the most grateful recollections, that I avail myself of this opportunity to acknowledge the cordiality and kindness with which I was every where received during my visitation. I could not but esteem myself happy, in being regarded by the scattered members of our communion in the West, as the messenger and voucher of the sympathies of their Eastern brethren. It is my constant prayer to the great Head of the Church, that these sympathies may not be suffered to languish ; that the religious intercourse which has been so favorably commenced between the East and the West, may be continued and enlarged, and that it may be abundantly blessed by the promotion of pure and undefiled religion in our own hearts, and in the dissemination of it among our distant brethren.

The various avocations devolving on me, after so long an absence, have rendered my visitations in this Diocese, during the Spring season, less extensive than I could have wished. In the course of the past year, however, about the usual number of Parishes have been visited.

Many of these Parishes have not required the performance of any of those offices which are now to be reported, pursuant to the provisions of the 45th canon of our Church.

Since the last annual Convention, I have administered the Holy Rite of confirmation in the following Parishes of this Diocese, viz. :

In Simsbury to 4 persons—Meriden, 18—Middletown, 23—Norwich, 20—Salem, 26—Waterbury, 26—Watertown, 15—Woodbury, 10—Washington, 4—New Preston, 12—New Milford, 8—Kent, 5—Sharon, 14—Salisbury, 13—Milton, 8—Northfield, 6—Monroe, 9—Trumbull, 11—Pomfret, 10—In all, to 242 persons.

The following Ordinations have taken place during the past year, viz.—On the 3d of September, in St. John's church, Woodbury, I admitted the Rev. Wm. Lucas to the Holy Order of Priests ; on the 5th of September, in St. Andrew's church, New Preston, I admitted the Rev. Harry Finch to the Holy Order of Priests ; and this day, I have admitted the Rev. Norman Pinney to the same holy office.

I have consecrated five churches, since the last annual Convention : viz:—St. Andrew's Church, Simsbury ; Trinity Church, Southington ; Christ Church, Norwich ; St. Paul's Chapel, New-Haven, and Christ Church, Pomfret. Three other churches are nearly ready for consecration, and arrangements are in progress for the erection of three or four more. The new edifice erected by the Parish of Christ Church, Hartford, was consecrated, during my absence, by the kindness of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Hobart.

Four new Parishes have been organized during the past year, from which applications will be made to be received into union with this Convention.

Great changes have taken place among our brethren of the Clergy, since our last meeting. The Rev. Smith Miles, of Chatham, the Rev. Joseph Perry, of New-Haven, the Rev. Daniel Somers of Norwalk, and the Rev. William H. Judd, who was performing the duties of a Missionary in the State of Alabama, have been removed by death.—While we bow, with humble submission, to these dispensations of Divine Providence, we cannot fail to be admonished to remember our own frailty, and to redouble our diligence in our Master's cause ; and, while we view the scanty number of the laborers, and the abundance of the harvest, we must feel constrained to pray to the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth more laborers into his harvest. The Rev. Samuel Fuller has received a dimissory letter to the Eastern Diocese, the Rev. William Shelton to the Diocese of New-York, the Rev. Harry Finch to the Diocese of New-Jersey, and the Rev. Francis L. Hawks to the Diocese of Pennsylvania. The Rev. Palmer Dyer has relinquished the editorial charge of the Episcopal Watchman, and returned to the Diocese of New-York. The Rev. Birdsey G. Noble, who had relinquished the Parish of Middletown, and removed to the Diocese of New-Jersey, previous to the last Convention, has since that time received a dimissory letter to that Diocese. The accessions to the Diocese have not been equal in number to these losses which it has sustained. The Rev. Richard Peck has exhibited to me letters dimissory from the Eastern Diocese, and has taken the charge of the Parish of Huntington ; the Rev. Christian F. Cruse', with letters dimissory from the Diocese of New-Jersey, has accepted the office of Principal of the Episcopal Academy at Cheshire. The Rev. Ulysses M. Wheeler, from the Diocese of New-York, is officiating as Minister of the Parish of Woodbury. The Rev. Charles Smith has presented dimissory letters from the same Diocese, and is officiating in the Parish of Fairfield, and the Rev. John S. Stone, from the Diocese of Maryland, has accepted the station of Associate Rector of Trinity Church, New-Haven.—There have also been several removals within the Diocese, during the past year. The Rev. George C. Shepard has removed from the Parish of Hebron to that of Stratford. The Rev. Ashbel Steele has removed from Stratford to the Parish of Essex Borough. The

Rev. Alpheus Geer has removed from the Parish of Waterbury to that of Hebron. The Rev. Wm. Lucas has removed from Woodbury to the Parish of Litchfield. The Rev. Joseph T. Clark has removed from the Parish of Woodbridge, to that of St. Peter's Church, Plymouth. And the Rev. Reuben Sherwood has resigned the Parish of Norwalk, and accepted the station of Rector of the Hartford Academy.

The following persons are now candidates for Holy Orders, in this Diocese, viz.—Charles Bradley, John Morgan, Joseph Scott, Oliver Hopson, Allen C. Morgan, William Walter, Gurdon S. Coit, Robert A. Hallam, Fitch W. Taylor, Hobart M. Bartlett, Levi H. Corson, and Edward Jones and Augustus O. Cæsar, men of color, who are destined as Missionaries to Africa.—Eight of the above named candidates are alumni of Washington College. May we not hope that this Institution will prove a nursery to the Church?

The fact is now becoming generally known, that the greatest hindrance to the extension of our Communion arises from the inadequate number of our Clergy. Such has been the growth of the Church, that the supply has by no means kept pace with the demand. It is obvious, therefore, that the principal efforts of Episcopalians should be directed to the education of pious young men for the sacred ministry. Under these circumstances, our academies and colleges, and all institutions which facilitate this important object, become doubly interesting to us. But it will be in vain to look to our literary institutions for an adequate supply of candidates for Holy Orders, unless they are aided by the co-operation of education Societies. The sacred profession holds out few worldly allurements to young men of enterprize; and few will be induced to embrace it, except those who are urged to it by a strong sense of religious duty. It is to be lamented too, that a great portion of the sons of wealthy parents are educated in habits which indispose them to so sacred and self-denying a profession. The chief resource of the Church must be sought among the youth of piety and of talents, whose circumstances in life have not subjected them to the severe temptations of wealth and ambition. The experience of other denominations of Christians has taught them to look to such resources. The American Education Society, composed chiefly of the Congregational and Presbyterian denominations, has now four hundred beneficiaries under its charge, who are designed for the ministry in their communion. Unless we would see the Church languish and decline, and unless we are willing to abandon it to the ministrations and instructions of other denominations, we must make corresponding exertions. Young men whose piety would lead them to embrace the sacred office, and whose talents would qualify them to adorn it, but who have not the pecuniary means of obtaining a competent education must be assisted. Such youths are to be found. The experience of the *Church Scholarship Society* has demonstrated this fact. There have been many more

applications for aid, than its funds could relieve. The exertions which have been made in this Diocese, in behalf of the Church Scholarship Society, have already afforded important aid to thirteen young men, who are preparing themselves for Holy Orders. I earnestly hope that its means of beneficence may be enlarged, and that similar efforts may be put forth in every other Diocese in the Union.

The "Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge" does not exert that efficiency which its important objects demand. The funds which come into its treasury result entirely from the canon of the Convention which requires parochial collections, and are altogether independent of any influence of the Society. Indeed, the Board of Directors is so constituted as to preclude the practicability of any meeting, except during the session of the Convention, when there is no time afforded for deliberation. If some more efficient organization should not be devised, I would recommend the appointment of a Standing Committee of the Board, residing near to each other, and to whom the active operations of the Society should be confided.

The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, established by the General Convention of our Church, has within the last year commenced a most auspicious course, and has received the most unequivocal proofs of the public favor. A wide field for its enterprize has been opened. Abundant proof has been afforded that there is no want of zeal and liberality in the Church, for the support of Missionaries. But the discouraging fact is now disclosed, that duly qualified Missionaries are not to be obtained, to supply the demand for them; thus affording another evidence that the first and greatest efforts of the Church should be directed to the education of pious young men for her Ministry. A general education society should be established. Till this measure is accomplished, or something equivalent to it, neither the General Seminary, nor the General Missionary Society can adequately fulfil the objects for which they are designed, and our vacant parishes must remain unsupplied.

*My Brethren of the Clergy:—*

To us the present season is peculiarly interesting. We have met together to take counsel of each other in relation to those great concerns which constitute the occupation and business of our lives. Let us pray God to free our minds from all error, prejudice and pride, and to inspire us with a sincere desire for the promotion of his glory, and the welfare of his Church. Let the occasion animate our zeal, and incite us to fidelity in our Master's cause. We never assemble together, in this way, without a strong probability that in the course of divine Providence, it will be, to some of us the last meeting. Let each one of us apply this consideration to himself; and what our hands find to do, in our ministry, let us do it with our might, knowing that there is no knowledge or device in the grave, whither we are hastening.

THOMAS CHURCH BROWNELL.

*New Haven, June 2d, 1830.*



On motion, *Resolved*, That the rules of order of the last Convention be adopted for the government of this, and be read.

The rules of order, were read accordingly, as follows :

1. The business of every day shall be introduced by prayer.
2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand unless to address the chair.
3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the convention, unless he have leave from the house.
4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the convention, he shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall with due respect address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.
5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.
6. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the convention, and shall not again be drawn into debate during the same session.
7. While the President is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the house, or read any book.
8. Every member who shall be in the convention when any question is put, shall on a division be counted, unless he be particularly interested in the decision.
9. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless it be seconded, and reduced to writing when required.
10. When any question is before the convention, it shall be determined on before any thing new is introduced, except for adjournment.
11. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.
12. When the convention is to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leave the chair.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed, to whom shall be referred the documents of newly incorporated Churches. The Rev. F. Holcomb, the Rev. S. Jewett, and Mr. Charles Nichols, were appointed. The certificates and petitions of St. James' Church, Newtown, of Grace Church, Saybrook, and of the Churches in Salem and Middlebury, were accordingly referred to the above Committee.

The following persons were found to have been duly elected to represent their respective Parishes, but had not presented certificates of their election from the Parish Clerk : Henry L. Dekoven, Ebenezer Jackson, Jun., Jesse Ives, and Asaph Pinney.

On motion, *Resolved*, That these gentlemen be admitted to seats in this Convention.

Leave of absence, on account of sickness in his family, was granted for the remainder of the session, to Mr. Isaac Stiles.

On motion, The Committee appointed on the subject of newly organized Churches, was increased by the addition of the Rev. Mr. Stone and Dr. Vanderburgh.

The following Report of the proceedings of the Standing Committee, was laid upon the table, and on motion, read by the Secretary.

*Abstract of the proceedings of the Standing Committee, between the Conventions of 1829 and 1830.*

HARTFORD, June 4, 1829.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee, composed of the following persons; the Rev. H. Croswell, N. S. Wheaton, R. Sherwood, D. Baldwin, and H. Humphreys, (the Rev. H. Croswell being absent;) the Rev. N. S. Wheaton was chosen Secretary.

The Rev. Harry Finch, and the Rev. Wm. Lucas, Deacons, were recommended to the Bishop to receive the holy order of Priests. Adjourned.

HARTFORD, August 6.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee, all the members being present:

Levi Hanaford Corson, a graduate of Washington College, was recommended to the Bishop to be placed on the list of candidates for the ministry. Adjourned.

CHESHIRE, Oct. 14, 1829.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee; present, Rev. Messrs. Croswell, Wheaton, Baldwin, and Humphreys.

Hobart M'Call Bartlett, a graduate of Washington College, was recommended as a candidate for the ministry.

Edward Jones and Augustus V. Caesar, students of the African Mission School, were also recommended to be received as candidates, with a view to their being employed as Missionaries in the Colony of Liberia. Adjourned.

NEW-HAVEN, June 2d, 1830.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee, all the members being present:

The Rev. Norman Pinney, Deacon, was recommended to receive the holy order of Priests. Adjourned.

I hereby certify, that the above is a true extract of the proceedings of the Standing Committee, since the Convention of 1829.

N. S. WHEATON,

*Secretary of the Standing Committee.*

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee for the year ensuing. The Rev. Messrs. Croswell, Wheaton, Sherwood, Judd and Humphreys were elected. The Rev. Mr. Croswell laid upon the table the report of the Treasurer of the

Society for the promotion of Christian Knowledge, (See Appendix No. I.)

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be to collect from the Lay-Delegates the quotas of their respective parishes to the Convention Fund, agreeably to a resolution of the Convention of 1823. Mr. Curtis and Mr. Wire were appointed.

The Rev. Mr. Wheaton proposed for adoption the following amended Constitution of the Society for the promotion of Christian Knowledge, which, on motion, was ordered to be entered on the Journal to be acted upon at the next Convention.

ART. 1. This Society shall be called "The Connecticut Protestant Episcopal Society for the promotion of Christian Knowledge."

ART. 2. The Bishop of the Diocese shall be, *ex officio*, President of the Society; and the Bishop and the Standing Committee shall constitute the *Board of Directors*. The Secretary of the Standing Committee shall be the Secretary and Treasurer of the Society.

ART. 3. The Board shall meet as often as the interests of the Society may require; and may take such measures as they may think expedient to obtain funds. They shall employ missionaries within the Diocese; and may cause to be procured and distributed or sold Bibles, Prayer Books, and Religious Tracts, in such manner as they may think proper.

ART. 4. The Secretary shall keep a register of the names of the members and donors, with the amount of their contributions; and a record of the collections made in congregations or by Auxiliary Societies.

ART. 5. All monies received for the benefit of the Society, shall be subject to the order of the Board, and shall be by them appropriated to the purposes specified in Article 3.

ART. 6. Persons contributing one dollar annually shall be members of the Society: those who contribute five dollars at one time shall be members for life; and those who contribute twenty dollars shall be patrons.

ART. 7. There shall be divine service, and a sermon; or addresses, delivered at every annual session of the Convention, and a collection made for the benefit of the Society.

ART. 8. The Board shall make an annual report of their proceedings to the Convention; and the Treasurer shall also make a report of the state of the funds, which reports, or so much of them as the Convention may direct, shall be entered on the Journals.

ART. 9. No alteration shall be made in this Constitution, without having been proposed to the Convention, at least one day before it is acted upon; and the Convention alone shall have power to make alterations.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to nominate



the officers of the Society for the promotion of Christian Knowledge for the year ensuing. The Rev. A. Baldwin, the Rev. T. Marsh, and Mr. J. Shelton were accordingly appointed; who thereupon reported the following nominations:

Rt. Rev. T. C. BROWNELL, D. D. LL. D. (*Ex officio*) *President*.  
 Rev. DANIEL BURHANS, *1st Vice-President*.  
 Mr. SAMUEL W. JOHNSON, *2d Vice-President*.  
 Mr. JOHN BEACH, *Recording Secretary*.  
 Rev. H. CROSWELL, *Corresponding Secretary*.  
 Mr. WM. M'CRACKAN, *Treasurer*.

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These persons were then appointed by the vote of the Convention to the respective offices to which they were nominated by the Committee.

On motion, *Resolved*, That when this Convention adjourns, it will adjourn to meet at this place to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. The Convention adjourned.

*St. Paul's Chapel, Thursday, 8 o'clock, A. M. June 3d, 1830.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Prayers were read by the Secretary. The roll was called, and a quorum being present, the minutes of the proceedings yesterday, were read and approved. Leave of absence the remainder of the session, was granted to Mr. Richard Adams.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed on the state of the Church in this Diocese, to whom shall be referred the parochial reports. The above resolution was, on motion, re-considered, and after some discussion, was withdrawn.

The Rev. Mr. Croswell from the Committee on the Canons, reported a Canon, concerning Annual Parish Meetings, which, on motion, was passed.

On motion resolved, That the Lay-Delegates from the new parishes, be admitted to honorary seats in this Convention, until the Committee, to whom the subject was referred, make their report. The Rev. Mr.

Wheaton moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

*Resolved*, That it be, and hereby is, earnestly recommended to every parish in the Diocese, to form Societies auxiliary to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and the Society for the promotion of Christian Knowledge in this Diocese; and whenever it may be deemed inexpedient to form a separate Society for each of these objects, that one be formed auxiliary to both, and the funds be equally divided between them.

Leave of absence, for the remainder of the session, was granted to the Rev. Mr. Huntington and Dr. Vanderburgh.

The Parochial Reports required by the 45th Canon of the General Convention of 1808, to be made to the Bishop, read in Convention, and entered on the journal, were then read as follows:

*Report of the Parishes of St. Paul's Church, Sharon, and St. Andrew's, Kent,—The Rev. George B. Andrews, Rector.*

Since the last return in June, 1828, there have been 18 Baptisms; 12 Marriages; 31 Burials; the present number of families, 183.—Of the Communicants, 5 have removed; 3 have died; 14 have been added; Present number, 96; Sunday Scholars about 700.

Under the smile of the Most High, the Church in Sharon is gradually strengthening. There is an increase of attendance on public worship—increased attention to the sacrament of the Lord's supper: a deeper interest in the concerns of religion generally, and solicitude for the welfare of their own immortal souls in particular, are the favorable evidences which denote spiritual progress in this section of our Zion.

The Church in Kent have suffered losses by death, and have been rather depressed by their exertions in erecting, by their small number, their church edifice, but are now in a measure, through the Divine goodness, recovering from this transient pressure. They acknowledge with gratitude the donation from the parish of Hartford, (a parish ever public spirited and liberal,) of one hundred dollars, the only aid obtained out of their own limits. To HIM—all whose decisions are wisdom and perfection, they commit their concerns.

*St. Paul's Church, Wallingford,—The Rev. Ashbel Baldwin, Rector.*

During the last year, I have performed divine service in this Church one half the time; and when the weather was favorable, the congregation has been large and respectable. At present, there are 35 families belonging to the parish. A considerable number of families also, belonging to the Wells Society, are regular attendants, and some of them join in the service, having supplied themselves with Prayer Books. At Easter, 1829, the parish of Northford agreed to unite with this Church, agreeable to recommendation of the Convention. In

consequence of which union, I was necessitated to reduce my services in this Church, from two-thirds to one-half the time.

No. of Families 35 ; No. of Baptisms, 2 adults and 12 infants, 4 ; No. of Marriages, 2 ; No. of Communicants, 42 ; No. of Funerals, 5 ; No. of Sunday Scholars, 35.

*Trinity Church, North-Haven,—The Rev. Asbel Baldwin, Rector.*

Divine service has been attended by me in this Parish 22 Sundays the past year ; and when I have not been present, the Church has been opened, and the service conducted by a Lay-Reader. There is belonging to this parish, a very good Library, consisting of Standard Works, written by the most eminent divines of the English, and American Churches. Unanimity and harmony prevail among the members of this Congregation, and the Church is generally well attended. A Bible class consisting of 20 young persons, have been very regular attendants at the lectures appointed for that purpose, and have made great improvement in their knowledge of the Holy Scriptures. There are about 40 numbers of the Children's Magazine taken in the two Societies. Besides regular Sunday services, I have attended weekly Lectures in different parts of the Cure, about two days in each week through the year.

Number of Families, 30 ; No. of Baptisms, 6 ; No. of Communicants 4 ; No. of Marriages, 3 ; No. of Funerals, 5 ; No. of Sunday Scholars, 26.

The Parish of Northford at their meeting on last Easter Monday, resolved to disconnect themselves from this Cure, and I am informed, they are to be supplied with occasional services by a Clergyman from some distance. Whether this arrangement has been made, by the permission and advice of the ecclesiastical authority, agreeably to the Canon regulating Cures, I have not been advised.

*Parishes of Guilford and North-Guilford,—The Rev. David Baldwin, Rector.*

No great alteration has taken place in these Parishes since the last Convention. The services have been regularly performed, and the ordinances duly administered to devout and attentive audiences. There have been occasional evening Lectures in the Church in Guilford, during the Festivals and Fasts. From this parish there have been several removals the last year.

The Parish in North-Guilford are in a measure relieved from their depression in consequence of their loss by the Eagle Bank. They have lately realized a legacy from Mrs. Ruth Johnson, the interest of which is to be applied to the support of the Gospel.

*Guilford.*—No. of Communicants, 56 ; No. of Baptisms 6 ; Funerals, 2 ; Marriages, 5 ; Sunday Scholars, 45. The Sunday School is connected with the Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union—use the books of the Society, and is furnished with a respectable Library.

*North-Guilford.*—Number of Communicants, 34 ; Baptisms, 4—1 adult, 3 children ; Funerals, 3 ; Marriages, 1 ; Sunday Scholars, about 20, who learn from the books of the general society, and have a small Library.

I have attended 6 Funerals of those who did not belong to these parishes.

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*Report of Rev. Stephen Beach, Rector of St. John's Church, Salisbury, and Missionary in Canaan and Hitchcocksville.*

The Rector of St. John's Church, Salisbury, has been absent from this Church one third part of the Sundays during the past year, when the services have been conducted and sermons read by Laymen. I have officiated as missionary one fourth part of the Sundays in the town of Canaan, and the remaining Sundays I have spent in missionary labors in Union Church, Hitchcocksville.

The number of Communicants belonging to St. John's Church, Salisbury, is, added 4—removed 3—died 1—now belonging, 22 ; Number of Communicants in Canaan, 12 ; whole number 34 ; marriages, 4 ; Funerals, 14 ; Sunday Scholars, 55 ; Sunday School Teachers, 8. A Female Sunday School Society, connected with the General Episcopal Sunday School Union, contributes greatly to the promotion of Sunday School instruction in the Parish of St. John's.

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*Trinity Church, Newtown.*—*The Rev. Daniel Burhans, Rector.*

Baptisms 35—adults 2, Infants 33 ; Marriages 11 ; Funerals 18 ; Families 214 ; Communicants about 300.

This large and flourishing Parish commenced in 1732, with three families under the cure of the Rev. John Beach, Missionary from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts. His superior talents, called into action by a fervent piety, and correct views of the distinguished doctrines of the apostolic Church, inculcated by Mr. B. soon overcame the prejudices of a few of his former Parishioners, while a Congregational minister. In about two years they erected a house for public worship. And through the unwearyed labors of Mr. B. and the influence of a well chosen Theological Library, he brought from England, which he constantly loaned to all who would read, an excitement was made, and a serious inquiry became prevalent ; upon the validity of Presbyterian ordination—upon the antiquity, and scriptural evidence of Liturgies, and the doctrines of Calvinism. These inquiries soon produced large accessions to the Church : verifying the often remark, “ that great is truth and it will prevail,” and proving what universal experience confirms, that where Episcopacy and prescribed forms of prayer, accompanied with the doctrines of free grace, agreeable to the thirty nine articles, are explained and properly enforced, the church, although it may

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be slow in growth, will, like the towering cedar, become stable, *steadfast and immovable*.

While on the other hand, the amalgamating principles of the age, under the false colors of liberality, will prove the untempered mortar, that will mar the walls of our spiritual Zion; and the vine even of God's own planting will become a sickly plant, and wither and die.

Although through the Revolutionary war the Parish suffered much—yet as says Dr. Buchanan, “these will,” as they did, “preserve a church in the worst of times.” Hence, when Mr. Beach died in 1782, aged 81, having been the Rector of this Parish 50 years, there were about 100 families, and between 80 and 90 communicants. A better informed and more happy Parish perhaps never existed since the apostolic age.

In 1786, the late Rev. Philo Peny took the charge of the Parish under whose mild, pious, and faithful ministrations, the increase was more rapid. In 1792, they completed the third church, and in 1798, Mr. Peny died, universally lamented, aged 45. The number of communicants, at this period, was 150. The year following, the present incumbent was instituted Rector. The church has still kept her course of improvement till within a short period. Having lost through the failure of the Eagle Bank, some part of the funds which in 1823, amounted to about \$9000, principally raised by voluntary contributions. Owing to the existing laws, respecting becoming members of religious Societies, they have found it difficult to fill up their funds: and yet there are about 214 families generally in easy circumstances—so much so, that the last winter they raised \$1000, and formed an auxiliary to the Scholarship Society: and are abundantly able, (and no doubt will,) by the first of November next, (as the present Rector has mutually united with the Parish, to resign his charge, agreeable to the 32d Canon at the above period,) give a Clergyman a handsome support: notwithstanding the Eastern part of the Parish called Zoar, have, owing to their local situation, being from 4 to 7 miles distant from the Church, formed a New Parish by the name of St. James' which now includes only 45 families, if granted by this Convention, leaving the old Parish 169. During my ministry in this Parish 30 years, I have admitted into the Church by the sacrament of Baptism, 1350, and presented to the Bishop for confirmation about 400—admitted to the Holy Communion 302; which I charitably hope may be among the seals of my ministry in the great day of account, when all will be judged according to the deeds done in the body. And I would embrace this opportunity to recommend these parishes to the prayers, patronage and friendship of the Church in general, and to the Bishop and Clergy of this Diocese in particular.

N. B. The Sunday School has greatly increased owing to the zeal of a few Gentlemen and Ladies, with the aid of the Female Charitable

Society of Trinity Church, Newtown. Their Juvenile or Sunday School Library consists of about 200 volumes, from 40 to 400 pages each, and they are in union with the *General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School*.

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*Churches in Bethany and Amity,—The Rev. Joseph T. Clark, Rector.*

Until within the last 3 weeks, my services have been divided between the Parish at Bethany and the society in Amity. In the last named society, no material alteration has taken place, and so long as it comprises four different denominations perhaps little can be expected. The Parish in Bethany are now engaged in repairing the church. A considerable sum must necessarily be expended in order to accomplish what is now in contemplation, and considerable zeal has been manifested in raising the sum required. The Parish (with the exception of my removal) is in much the same condition as at the time of the last report.

The number of funerals is 7 ; Baptisms, 8 ; marriages, 6 ; communicants, 1 added—whole number, 115.

On the 15th of May, I relinquished the charge of Bethany, and removed to Plymouth. Of this Parish I am unable to make any particular report at present. During the residence of the Rev. Mr. Harris, six months ending May 9th, the number of funerals was 9 ; Baptisms, 5, and one marriage. I have also baptized one, and attended one marriage. The number of communicants is about 113. The Sunday School is in a prosperous condition, and numbers 81 scholars.

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*St. Stephen's and Union Churches, East Haddam, and Killingworth,—The Rev. Peter G. Clarke, Rector*

The Rector has the satisfaction to represent this Cure as being in a more flourishing condition at present, than at any former period since his connection with it. He has made it a uniform practice, for many months past, to preach on Sunday evenings in different districts of his parishes, which has resulted in much apparent good to their prosperity.

The Cure has two Sunday Schools in connexion with the P. E. S. Union. That of St. Stephen's Church, since its establishment, has by far exceeded our expectations ;—both as it regards the emulation and pleasure produced among its scholars—as well as the firm and increasing interest taken in it, by their parents and guardians.

But its present happy and useful effects on the minds of its scholars—its tendency to make them punctual and interested attendants on the worship of the church, as well as cultivating a decided mutual interest and pleasure among the parents, are but a small part of the blessings, which may be safely anticipated,—for it is storing their young and tender minds with that divine knowledge which is so essential to them, for becoming pious, ardent and unwavering members of

the blessed and undivided Church of the Redeemer, to which we belong.

The Sunday School of Union Church has but just commenced, but under prospects equally flattering.

No. of Families, 116 ; New-Communicants, 8 ; Baptisms, 19—Adults 8, infants 11 ; Marriages, 7 ; Funerals, 6.

*St. Paul's Church Brookfield,—The Rev. Joseph S. Covell, Rector.*

The number of families attached to this church, is 88 ; Communicants,—added 9, died 5, whole number 79 ; Baptisms, 6 infants ; Marriages, 6 ; Funerals, 8.

The Sunday School organized upon the plan of the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union consists of 50 scholars, under the instruction of eight teachers, superintended by the Rector, who is constantly employed with the teachers, endeavoring to impart instruction to each class, by way of reflection or explanation, which he has reason to believe, has added much to the prosperity of the school, and seems to be a means of increasing the attachment of the children to their minister, so that he is enabled to impart some useful instruction to them whenever he meets them in their respective families. We have a Sunday School Library commenced, consisting of 40 volumes. The Children's Magazine is introduced into almost every family of children.

The ladies of the parish, during the past year, have formed themselves into a charitable association, whose object is to assist the poor children of the parish, that they may be enabled to attend on Sunday School instruction, and to render some assistance in increasing the library.

During the season of Lent, I increased my labors by visiting my people, and by preaching on every Wednesday, in the different districts of my parish, which has been the means of adding to the number of my congregation on Sunday, and my earnest prayer is, that it may be the means, by the blessing of God, of adding to the number of those who are the true followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Upon the whole, we think that the prospects of the church in this parish, are quite encouraging.

Our church, on Sundays, is generally full and very attentive. Though we have much to lament on account of the great lukewarmness and worldly-mindedness among the professors of Christ's religion, and of inattention to the great salvation, among those, who by baptism have put on Christ, still we are encouraged to believe that God is giving an increase to our labors, in the gradual advancement of pure and undefiled religion, and a spirit of inquiry into the distinctive principles of the church.

On account of some other expenses of the parish, there has been no collection taken for the society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge ; but shall be attended to in a short time.

*St. Mark's Church, Bridgewater,—The Rev. Joseph S. Covell, Rector.*

The number of Families attached to this church, is twenty-five ; Communicants—added, 2, whole number, 22 ; Baptisms—infants, 4 ; Marriages, 3 ; Funerals, 2.

The Sunday School is conducted upon the plan of the General Union ; Scholars 15, Teachers 3.

I have officiated in this parish, during the past year, eight Sundays besides several times on a day of the week.

The prospects of advancing the interests of the church here, are still very encouraging. The numbers that take a part in our admirable service, are increasing. Within a short time, I have distributed one dozen and a half of prayer-books, principally to persons who never used them before.

A spirit of inquiry into the doctrines and distinctive principles of the church, is gone forth, and bringing many who a short time ago, were strongly prejudiced against it, and would think it a sin to attend upon her services, to believe that she possesses the true faith, once delivered to the saints. We labor under very great inconvenience on account of not having a private house sufficiently large to accommodate our hearers. We have lately thought of undertaking to erect a church, but on account of the feeble state of the parish, I have not urged it. Could we obtain the sum of three hundred dollars, we should undertake it immediately, which would be the means of finally establishing the parish, and greatly increasing her numbers.

*Parish of Trinity Church, (including Trinity Church and St. Paul's Chapel,) New Haven—The Rev. Harry Crosswell, Rector ; the Rev. John S. Stone, Associate Rector.*

Baptisms, 42 ; Marriages, 10 ; Burials, 54, of whom 14 were communicants ; New Communicants, 15 ; whole number of Communicants about 480.

Since the last Convention, the Chapel commenced by the Parish, during the past year, has been finished and consecrated ; and is now supplied with regular services by the Rector and his Associate, alternately. This Chapel is a fine Gothic structure, of substantial stone work, 101 feet in length, including the towers, with an audience-room 80 by 60 feet, and a lecture and vestry-room in the basement, occupying the same space.—The Pews, both in the Church and Chapel, with very few exceptions, are rented and occupied—the parish having received, within a late period, very considerable accessions, from the increase of the City and other causes. The monthly meetings of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, have been continued during the year, except when omitted for unavoidable reasons. The Sunday School, in connection with the General Union, having been divided into two branches, has very much increased, and now contains about 300 pupils, with a



regular supply of competent and experienced teachers. Bible and Liturgy classes are continued as hitherto, besides Pastoral Visits and Evening Lectures. The present Associate Rector has been called and settled with entire unanimity—a spirit of harmony prevails—and the affairs of the Parish, by the blessing of God, still continue in a highly prosperous condition.

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*St. Peter's and Christ Churches, Oxford,—The Rev. William A. Curtis, late Rector.*

My report of the state of the Churches which form my cure, will embrace a period of two years, as they were not represented in the Convention of 1829. During this term, I have admitted into the Church of Christ, by the ordinance of holy Baptism, 72 persons, of whom 12 were adults; 19 have been confirmed by the Bishop, and 13 have been added to the communion; the number of marriages which I have solemnized is 11; and 17 have been removed by death. The whole number of families, who may be considered as attached to the Episcopal Church in Oxford, may be computed at 80—having received an augmentation of 17, within the last two years; but I have to regret the removal of several of the most zealous supporters of the Church. Within a few months past, a very liberal individual, from whom the Society of St. Peter's has already received benefactions to a considerable amount, has made a farther donation of a house, suitable for a Parsonage, and 20 acres of land annexed: from the avails of which the Society of Christ Church is to receive a legacy of 200 dollars.

The latter Society contemplate putting their house of worship in a state of complete repair, and new painting it, in the course of the summer—and preparations are making for that purpose. This Church has received much benefit from the establishment of a Sunday School; as well from the religious knowledge acquired by the children, as by the salutary effect produced through *their* improvement and influence upon the parents. The books we have used, have been those furnished for the "Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union." At present, the Churches of Oxford are destitute of the ministrations of the Gospel—my connection with them having lately expired.

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*St. Andrew's Church, New Preston—The Rev. Harry Finch, late Rector.*

Families, added 1, whole number 71; Communicants, added 15, whole number 77; Baptisms, adults 4, infants 8, whole number 12; Confirmed 12; Funerals 6; Sunday Scholars 40; Teachers, 10; collection for the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, \$6.

*Church at Milton,—The Rev. Truman Marsh, Rector; the Rev. Harry Finch, Assistant Minister.*

Families 64; Communicants, added 3, died 1, present number 48;

Baptisms, adults 3, infants 4, whole number 7; Confirmed 8; Marriages 4; Funerals 3.

The above reports embrace the time between the sitting of the last Convention and Easter, at which time, my connection with those Parishes was dissolved.

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*Grace Church, Hamden,—The Rev. John M. Garfield, Rector.*

Families 48; Communicants 52; Baptisms 6; Sunday Scholars 40. It is with great satisfaction that the Rector is able to report the flourishing state of this new Church. Owing to the munificence of several pious individuals, the funds of the Parish have been considerably enhanced, so as to engage his services the past year, forty-five Sundays. The Sunday School is well organized, and punctually attended. Although the Rector is not aware that any unusual attention to religion has existed the past year; yet he is persuaded that there is among its members a growing attachment to the services of the Church, and a gradual increase of its members.

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*St. Peter's Church, Hebron, and Christ Church, Middle Haddam,—The Rev. Alpheus Gear, Officiating Minister.*

As I have but just entered upon my duties in these parishes, I shall be unable to render a full account of their present condition. The Society of Hebron I find on examination, is extended over a considerable extent of country, which as yet, renders it difficult for me to ascertain their numbers. From the report of the Rev. Mr. Shephard, the former Rector of this Church, it appears the number of families attached to this congregation, is about 70; and communicants, about 40. I have recently organized a Sunday School in this parish, consisting as yet only of 44 scholars.

The Church in Middle Haddam, I find has labored under some discouraging circumstances, but from the activity and zeal of its members, arrangements are now making, for the ministration of the word and sacraments among them one half the time, the present year. I organized a Sunday School in this parish last Sabbath, consisting of 42 scholars. I only add that the prospects of this Church, as well as that of Hebron, appear promising.

As I have but recently relinquished my charge of the church in Waterbury, it may be proper that I present something like a parochial report of that parish. Having spent fifteen years and a half in the service of my Lord and Master among that people,—the following are among the results of my labors. I have admitted to the communion, about 100 persons—have presented 322 for confirmation, and have baptized 356, children and adults. The number of deaths during this time, has been 135, and removals to other parts of the country, more than 60 families. During the many changes of fortune in this period of time, this church has retained a respectable

rank among the neighboring parishes, and it is hoped will soon resume their former prosperous condition.

*Christ's Church, Watertown,—The Rev. Frederick Holcomb, Rector.*

Number of Families, 103 ; Communicants, 95 ; Baptisms—adults, 2, infants 11 ; Marriages, 12 ; Deaths 8 ; Sunday School Scholars, 80.

*Church in Northfield.*—Number of Families, 38 ; Communicants, 30 ; Marriages, 3 ; Deaths 3 ; Sunday School Scholars, 25.

Probably we shall not be able to claim for these parishes, a numerical increase during the past year. Changes have taken place, and those which have had a tendency to keep the number either stationary, or perhaps, leave it a very little diminished, were occasioned by deaths or removals.

Aside from the diminishing influence of such unavoidable causes, these parishes may, I think, be reported in a flourishing state. While some have been taken away from our communion, others have added the weight of their influence, and the worth of their example, to fill the ranks of those who surround the Lord's table.

Both of these churches have undergone considerable repairs during the past year. That at Northfield, especially, is repaired throughout. A small, but generous people, have met the exigency with promptness, and in this respect certainly set an example worthy the imitation of their more numerous and wealthy brethren of other churches, in the neighborhood.

*St. Matthew's Church, Wilton,—The Rev. Origen P. Holcomb, Rector.*

Baptisms—adults, 4 ; children, 10—14 ; Funerals, 9 ; Marriages, 6 ;

*Church in Ridgefield.*—Baptisms—adults, 1 ; children, 5—6 ; Funerals, 4 ; Marriages, 3. I have attended 1 funeral in the parish of Weston, and two in that of Norwalk, since the removal of the Rev. Mr. Sherwood.

The whole number of families in the parishes of Wilton and Ridgefield, is now not less than one hundred, several having been added the past year. There are 15 subscribers for the Episcopal Watchman.

The Sunday School of St. Matthew's Church, has been in union with the G. S. S. Union, three years. The number of children that have joined and are expected to, the present year, will amount to about 40. There is one male and 4 female teachers. There is, also, a Bible Class, under the constant charge of the Rector, consisting of 15 young persons. Within the year preceding, a Sunday school library has been commenced,—50, for the most part small volumes, constituted the first purchase, and the means are now at hand to increase the number. This has excited much zeal and emulation and promises to be a source of much moral and spiritual instruction to the young.

*Christ's Church, Reading.*—*The Rev. Lemuel B. Hull, Rector.*

Number of Families, about 70 ; Communicants, 50 ; Baptisms, 3 ; Funerals, 4 ; Marriages, 2 ; Sunday School Societies, 2—Members, 40. The Sunday School for the past year, has been about double to any preceeding year. The number of scholars is about fifty. The young people of the parish take a deeper interest in the school, and several of them have handed in their names for a re-organization of the Bible Class. During the past year, a Sunday school, library of ninety volumes has been procured.

*St. James' Church, Danbury.*—No of Families, 65 ; Communicants, 40 ; Baptisms, 4 ; Marriages 4 ; Funerals 2 ; Sunday School Society, 1—Members, 33 ; Sunday Scholars, 42. The school has been more flourishing the last, than any preceding year. A Sunday school library of 85 volumes has been purchased. The Bible Class in this parish consists of about 10, and is increasing.

Since my last report, the parish has repaired and painted the church and fences, and erected a handsome railing in front of the yard. This was principally effected by the exertion of one of the vestry.

The congregation appears to be encreasing. The number that have attended the last year, has been greater than any year since I have had charge of the parish.

*St. Luke's Church, Glastenbury.*—*The Rev. Hector Humphreys, Rector.*

This parish appears to be on a gradual and permanent increase. It has been organized about twenty years ; and, at the time of its formation, there was but one professed churchman within its limits. Nothing of great interest has occurred during the past year, which custom requires to be mentioned, in these General Reports. The Sunday School, in connexion with our Union, has been opened this season, with 55 scholars, under the superintendence of Mr. Samuel Taylor, with the aid of six teachers. It may be proper to observe, that five of these instructors are young ladies, which would seem to indicate, on the part of gentlemen, a reluctance to engage in this *labor of love*. True it was incumbent more especially on the *mothers in Israel*, to see that the young were duly instructed in the *whole law*, and perhaps they are the better fitted, not only to educate the early affections, but to instil into the infant mind, the influence of religious truth. But surely, it argues a cold indifference towards the interests of the church, or, which is much the same thing, to the spiritual welfare of the rising generation, to withhold such encouragement, as they might lead to the cause, by visiting the schools, and taking particular pains to have their own children punctual, and properly prepared.

The school suffered, the last year, from the want of suitable books. The most advanced work as yet received from the union, the "*Ques-*

tions on the *Epistles and Gospels : Part First*," has been adopted, and the other numbers of the series, will be wanted as soon as they shall issue from the Episcopal press. There is much need of some familiar and popular works on the more important periods in ecclesiastical history, especially, for the American Branch of the Episcopal Church ; for the times of the early Fathers, and perhaps for the Reformation. Something of this sort, more particularly adapted to the capacities of children, would be thought invaluable.

There are, in this parish, 59 families. The Building, which heretofore was in an unfinished state, has not been consecrated. During the past year, it has been altered and completed, so as to afford a considerable number of additional seats. It is now finished, and the consecration may be expected to take place, in the course of this season.

Number of Communicants, 46 ; Baptisms, 5 ; Marriages, 4 ; Funerals, 5 ;

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*St. John's Church, New Milford,—The Rev. E. Huntington, Rector.*

The number of baptisms in this Church, has been 7 infants ; the number of funerals, 10 ; the number of communicants added, 8 ; the number of marriages, 6. There is a Sunday School of about 40 scholars, and 8 teachers. Weekly lectures have been held for a part of the year, in the various school districts, into which the town is divided. These I have found useful in exciting religious interest, and in presenting the services of the church, to those who do not usually worship with us.

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*Trinity Church, Chatham,—The Rev. William Jarvis, Rector.*

Families, removed 4, added 30,—141 ; Communicants, lost by death and removals 5, added 16,—64 ; Baptisms, adults 2, children 38,—40 ; Marriages 12 ; Burials, 2 of other Societies, 13.

The Rector is encouraged to believe that this Parish, both in a temporal and spiritual point of view, is in a flourishing condition.—There has been a steady augmentation of its numbers, and a correspondent attention to all the requirements of the gospel. For the last seven months, the Rector has regularly officiated three times on Sunday, besides holding occasional services during the week. He has also attended weekly, a Bible class of about 150 persons of all ages ; and the deep interest excited by the subjects which have been discussed, inspires a hope that his labor has not been altogether in vain. A Sunday School was organized and connected with the General Union, in September last, which promises to be productive of the happiest effects. It contains about 140 pupils, and owes its present prosperity in no small degree to the faithful and assiduous exertions of the Superintendants, Mr. Kinney and Miss Hurlbut, seconded by the zeal of 23 teachers. The excellent system of instruction re-

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commended by the General Union has been fully adopted, and proves to be a most efficient help in furthering the great objects of the School. It has a well selected library, which is gradually increasing. During the past year, the Missionary Society, which has been in active operation for several years, has raised \$55 to constitute the Rector of the Parish, a patron of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society; and it will probably be enabled in future to raise annually a still larger sum. Owing to the unfavorable state of the weather when the collection was made for the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, the sum of only \$12 was raised. The deficiency, it is believed, will be made up in another year.

*St. James' Church, Derby, and Union Church, Humphreysville,—The Rev. S. Jewett, Rector*

Baptisms, Adults 2, Children 23, Total 25; Burials 19; Marriages 14; Sunday Scholars—*regular attendants*—in St. James' 61, in Union Church 80. Owing to the dispersed situation of the parishes (many families living from 3 to 5 miles from the Church,) it is impossible to secure a regular attendance of all the children belonging to the schools. In Union Church, the number of Sunday Scholars that attended was 109, although we had not more than 80 that could give regular attendance. Each School has been under the immediate care of a competent number of superintendants and teachers, and under the general supervision of the Rector. The average number of scholars in each class has not been more than 6. The books published by the Union have been chiefly used, and as soon as a competent supply is published, all others will be laid aside. The conduct of the children has been commendable, and their progress gratifying. Each School has a Sunday School Library.—That of St. James' 115, and the other 150 volumes, to both of which considerable additions are soon to be made. A bell, which proves to be a very good one, has been procured for St. James' Church since my last report, and the Lady's Society besides rendering pecuniary assistance to the Parish, have furnished carpeting for the chancel, and Venetian blinds for the window behind the pulpit.

The Ladies of Union Church have done the same. A young lady of St. James' Church, has also presented the Parish with a handsome Bible and Prayer Book for the Desk.

Since my last return 7 Communicants have died, and eleven have removed. Ten have also been added. Our present number is 230.

A very considerable proportion of our young people have become Communicants, and so far as I know or believe, "walk circumspectly."

Collected for the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge.

In Union Church, \$2 76. Collection in St. James', deferred until the 2d Sunday in June, when it will be made, and the sum collected, be immediately forwarded to the Treasurer. I have 40 Subscribers for the Children's Magazine.

*St. John's Church, Bridgeport,—The Rev. H. R. Judah, Rector.*

The Rector reports, that the Church under his pastoral charge, has not declined, either in its temporal or spiritual condition, since the last Convention. The increasing demand for Pews, has rendered the enlargement of the Church indispensable, and the congregation have manifested a commendable zeal, in raising funds, not only for this object, but for the purchase of a new organ. The additions to the Church, with other improvements, are nearly completed, and the prospect of a considerable increase, in the number of worshippers, is encouraging. In regard to the state of religion in the Church, the Rector has good ground to hope, that although no extraordinary attention to the great subject has been manifested, it has suffered no material declension. Additions have been made to our communion, of such, we trust, as will be saved. The Sunday School, comprising about 160 Scholars, is under the superintendence of 15 Teachers, who seem not to grow weary in their work and labor of love. The Bible Class and evening Lectures have been well attended, a greater portion of the year, and have been found profitable.

No. of Deaths 21 ; Baptisms, adults 2, infants 21, total 23 ; Marriages 15 ; Communicants 148 ; Families 156.

*St. James' Church, New London,—The Rev. B. Judd, Rector.*

Families 60 ; Communicants 67 ; Marriages 6 ; Baptisms 16 ; Funerals 11.

The condition of St. James' Church is gradually improving in numbers and attention to the subject of religion. Within the last year, the interior of the Church has been improved by some alterations, mostly by the liberality of the Ladies' Sewing Society, and by the donations of two Ladies of the congregation. The Church is every way decent for all the purposes of public worship. The usual services are performed in the Church, and a Lecture preached on Sunday evenings, at a School room convenient for the purpose. The Sunday duties of the Rector are two services in the Church, the superintendence of the Sunday School, and a Lecture at night.

Attached to the Parish is a very useful Society of Ladies, that by their industry contribute to the support of the Sunday School ; and besides what has been necessary for this purpose, this Society has given about \$60 to decorate the altar, desk, and pulpit of the Church.

The Sunday School contains 120 Scholars, under the care of a Superintendant, Librarian, and 18 Teachers, whose untiring zeal cannot be too highly commended.



The Parish has a larger income than at any former period, and owes no man any thing.

*St. Andrew's Church, Meriden, and Trinity Church, Southington,—  
The Rev. James Keeler, Rector.*

The No. of Families in St. Andrews, 62; Communicants 84—17 have been added, several that were absent have returned, and one is suspended from the communion. Baptisms 10, 4 adults and 6 infants; Marriages 3; Funerals 6. This Church have, during the past year, procured an entire set of plated furniture, for the communion, to the value of \$52; expended for Bibles and Prayer Books, from the Protestant Episcopal Press, \$55; and for a Sunday School Library, about \$60. The Females of this Church have formed themselves into a Benevolent Society, the object of which is to add something to the small income of the Rector, and to assist indigent parents to clothe and prepare their children for the Sunday School. The Rector has not the means of making a report of their doings, as they have not held their annual meeting, but gratitude obliges him to state, that he has received the valuable present of a gown from this Society, and has been otherwise essentially benefitted by their kind attentions and liberality. They have also assisted several children to come to the Sunday School.

Our Sunday School the last year, numbered on the roll 16 Teachers and 77 Scholars. The course pursued was principally the religious instructions set forth by the Union. Our scholars generally recited the first two catechisms, part of the third, with our hymns; a few completed the third catechism, and recited half of the Hymns of the new collection; several recited 200 verses at a lesson.

The present year we hope to advance more effectually the interests of our Sunday School. On the 22d of April, a Sunday School Society was organized, and our School united to the General Union—we have now 2 Superintendants and 14 Teachers. In addition to the books before used, we have the questions on the Epistles and Gospels. A room in the basement is being built for the accommodation of the Sunday School.

*Trinity Church, Southington.—No. of Famies 17; Communicants 21; Baptisms 5,—adults 1, infants 4.*

I have officiated regularly in this Church every third Sunday during the last year, and most generally, to very small congregations. They have applied to me for services the present year, but say it is not in their power to raise the small sum agreed upon as a compensation.

*Christ Church, Norwich,—The Rev. Seth B. Paddock, Rector.*

It is with devout gratitude to the Author of all good, that the Rector is able to report the peculiar blessings which have rested upon this Parish the past year. Since the last annual Convention, the new



church has been completed and consecrated to the service of Almighty God. Fifty four families have been added to the congregation; so that although the new church contains about double the room that the old one did, the want of more pews in it is greater than it ever was in that.

During the eight past months, the religious state of the community has called for extraordinary labors. Two and sometimes three lectures a week have been given the greater part of this period, and have been instrumental, we trust, of bringing many to the knowledge of the truth.

The ladies' society, spoken of in my last report has succeeded beyond expectation. The following extract from the report of its Secretary and Treasurer will show what has been done, and how much the cause of Christ may be furthered by a little time steadily devoted to the object.

"The Society, since its commencement in March, 1829, has received into its treasury \$362 18. We have been enabled, by the blessing of God upon our exertions, to constitute our beloved Pastor a member for life of the Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union, and patron of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, also of promoting in some measure the interests of the church to which it is attached. When we consider the success which has hitherto crowned the exertions of this Society; a success, far exceeding the most sanguine anticipation of its members at its formation, we have great cause for thankfulness to the great Head of the Church, who has thus smiled upon our endeavors, and of encouragement to beg for a continuance of the same divine blessing, without which we shall but labor in vain."

In addition to this, most of the ladies of the parish have formed themselves into a tract society, and distributed monthly a tract from the publications of the New-York Protestant Episcopal Tract Society.—The Sunday School consists of 17 teachers, 120 scholars, and has a library of something more than 300 volumes. Greater changes have taken place the past year in its internal than its external state. Eighteen members of it have been baptized, nineteen have joined the communion, and six have been confirmed.

Teachers' meetings were commenced about two years ago, but owing to the great numbers of the congregation who attended the last year, and the consequent diffidence felt by the class in answering questions, they were discontinued as such, and familiar lectures substituted. A bible class has been recently formed, consisting of the teachers, older scholars and members of the congregation, on the plan suggested in the 7th No. of the 2d volume of the Family Visitor. Its present number of members is 56. It meets on Sunday evenings before the regular evening service, and promises to be highly profitable and interesting.

The number of families now in the Parish is 137; Communicants 68; new do. 50, total 118; Baptisms, adults 21, infants 25, total 46; Confirmed 20; Marriages 3; Funerals 9. The Gentlemen's Society, auxiliary to the Society for the promotion of Christian Knowledge in the diocese have contributed \$33 87; the Ladies' do. have contributed 15 49: Total 49 36.

As the congregation were generally present when the Societies held their annual meetings, and all who were disposed had an opportunity to contribute, it was thought inexpedient to take up a congregational collection.

*St. Paul's Church, Huntington,—The Rev. Richard Peck, Rector.*

Families, 65; Communicants, 35; Baptisms, 5; Marriages, 1; Funerals, 15; Sunday Scholars, about 30.

This parish has recently purchased a bell weighing about 300 pounds. The church in this place, has much less to fear from her open enemies, than from the unhappy divisions and dissensions among her professed friends.

*Churches in Branford, East and West Haven,—The Rev. William T. Potter, late Rector.*

In Branford the condition of the church has been very encouraging—the services of the sanctuary well attended to—and a spirit of gradual improvement has prevailed.

The number of Families, as near as can be ascertained, is 47; the whole number of Communicants 48; Marriages 1; Baptisms 3; Burials 1,—a flourishing Sunday School of 45 members, with a good Sunday School Library.

East Haven continues very much in the state it has been in for several years, it is to be feared, "neither hot nor cold"—The number of Families, 38; Communicants 32; Baptisms 4; Marriages 0; Funerals 0. There is a flourishing Sunday School, composed of 40 children, and 6 teachers, with a Sunday School Library.

West Haven. This Church has been peculiarly unfortunate in the removal by death and other modes, of several of its principal families. Its condition is far from being as prosperous as some years since. The old and middle aged men have removed or died, and the young men, following a sea-faring life, are absent too large a part of the year, to feel and exhibit the interest in the Church, which their fathers have before manifested.

The whole number of families 43; Communicants 52; Baptisms, 4; Burials 4; Marriages 0; Sunday School of 45 children, and 8 teachers, in connection with the Union, having a select and good Library for its use.

As I have not resumed the charge of these parishes since Easter, the ordinary collections have not been as heretofore attended to.

*Christ Church, Middletown,—The Rev. Smith Pyne, Rector.*

During the past year the attention to religion, the increased attendance on the services of the Church, and the zeal generally manifested for its interest, have been such as to afford most encouraging prospects of the future progress of this congregation. The rector has, during the winter, held a weekly lecture, which has been numerously attended, and he trusts has not been without its beneficial effects.

A Society, formed within the year, by the ladies of the congregation, has raised, since November last, the sum of two hundred and thirty dollars, and promises fair to afford an increased measure of aid to the church.

The Sunday School has attained an efficiency far beyond that of preceding years. For this the church is indebted to the zealous and untiring efforts of the Superintendents, Mr. Abel and Miss Wilcox. The school at present consists of 135 scholars, and twenty five teachers. Among the scholars, there is a class of young men over fifteen, under the especial charge of the Superintendent, who is preparing them to become the future teachers of the school.

There has been a Tract Society organized in the parish, to which the great majority of the congregation are attached.

Baptisms—adults 3, infants 8—11; New Communicants 9, whole number not ascertained; Marriages 2; Funerals 11.

*St. Peter's Church, Monroe, and Christ's Church, Trumbull,—The Rev. Rodney Rossiter, Rector.*

When I took charge of these parishes about a year since, it appeared evident that they had labored under considerable inconvenience on account of having been so long destitute of the services of a clergyman. Some circumstances appear now encouraging. There appears to be an increasing attachment to our Liturgy. In the parish of Christ's Church alone, I have, within a few months, disposed of about forty Prayer Books at first cost, and as many in Monroe in proportion to the number of people who attend church. There is a Sunday School in each parish. The number of Families it would be difficult to ascertain with any degree of accuracy. The Communicants in St. Peter's are thirty two—three new ones,—In Christ's Church, fifty nine—one new one. Of the Marriages, I am not able to give much account, having celebrated but one in each parish. Baptisms in St. Peter's, seven children, one adult,—In Christ's Church, three children, two adults. The deaths in Monroe parish have been five,—In Trumbull parish nine. The collections in aid of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge have been small, as will be seen by the Treasurer's report—probably the one in Monroe was smaller than it would have been had not the weather been unfavorable when it was made. I have not been able to learn

that a collection for this purpose, has ever before been made in either of these parishes.

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*Christ Church, Stratford,—The Rev. George C. Shepard, Rector.*

Having previously been invited to the rectorship of this Church, I resigned the charge of St. Peter's Church, Hebron, and entered upon my duties here, on the first of November last.

Since that time, the parish have evinced a most gratifying and praiseworthy zeal, both by their attendance upon the means of grace, and by their liberal contributions for the building of a Parsonage house.

During the past winter they have contracted for a large and convenient house to be erected on the Glebe, in the near vicinity of the church. It is to be built of wood, and the frame is already raised. It is to be completed, ready to be inhabited, early in the ensuing Autumn.

There has lately been formed, by the ladies of the parish, a Missionary Association, called the "Ladies Missionary Association of Christ Church, Stratford." It is auxiliary to the general Missionary Society of our Church, and will in a few days transmit to the Treasurer of that Society, between forty five and fifty dollars.

The Sunday School, which is in union with the general Sunday School of the Protestant Episcopal Church, has recently been re-organized, and contains at present 86 scholars, and 13 teachers. This is under the special superintendence of the Rector, who always remains with the school, while it is together. It also contains a library of about 230 books.

There is, also, a Bible Class, which from its recent commencement, we are unable to say more of, than that it is well attended, and gives promise of being useful.

From actual observation, I find there are 118 Families belonging to this parish. As I believe the usefulness of a minister is much increased by visiting his people, to equalize my visits, and to have some regularity in duties of this kind, I have the name of the head of every family entered in a book, kept for that purpose, and place the date of my visits against the same.

There are 89 Communicants. Since November last, I have admitted 2 to the Communion—Baptized 1 adult, and 2 infants—total 3—celebrated 4 Marriages, and attended 4 Funerals.

Contributions to the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, made on the 30th of May eleven dollars, which have been paid to the Treasurer of that society.

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*St. Paul's Church, Norwich,—The Rev. R. Sherwood, late Rector.*

Baptisms 13; Marriages 3; Funerals 9; New Communicants 12; Whole number about 180.

The affairs of the parish were thought to be in a prosperous

condition. Besides an active zeal which seemed to pervade the members of the congregation, and a serious attention which marked their devotions in the Sanctuary, they have, since the last annual convention, by the voluntary contribution of four hundred dollars and upwards, furnished their church with a handsome organ. Within the same period, they have by a subscription of one thousand dollars, formed a Scholarship, auxiliary to the Church Scholarship Society. In addition to this, a few worthy individuals of this parish living near Saugatuck, three miles from their Church, started anew this last spring, the idea of a chapel, for the better accommodation of the Episcopal families in that neighborhood. A subscription was opened, and within a few days, and by a very few individuals, the sum of twelve hundred dollars was subscribed for the erection of a church in that flourishing village. How far the good work has advanced, is not now known; but such acts of liberality speak well for the institutions of our church.

The undersigned left the charge of his parish at Easter; and on this last occasion of representing it in Convention, he cannot withhold an expression of the deep interest he shall ever feel, in its future welfare and prosperity.

Norwalk presents an interesting field for the Christian laborer; may it soon be occupied and never permitted to suffer for want of due cultivation.

This has been a delightful parish, and if its members continue united, seeking with one heart the prosperity of their Holy Apostolic Church, and professing with one mouth the faith once delivered to the saints, their success is certain. The God of peace will be with them, and bless them.

*Hartford Academy,—The Rev. R. Sherwood Rector.*

Connected with this Institution, which has just commenced its operations, there are about thirty souls.

A large room in the building has been fitted up and set apart for a chapel, in which divine service is regularly performed every Lord's day.

A Sunday School has been established in connection with the P. E. S. S. Union, which numbers about twenty scholars.

*Trinity Church, Fairfield,—The Rev. C. Smith, Minister.*

I commenced officiating in this Parish in January. There is no ecclesiastical record to be found. The number of families, so far as ascertained, is 67; No. of Communicants 76. I have baptized 2 infants, and attended 5 funerals, 3 of which were out of the congregation.

The Sunday School of this parish was re-organized at Easter, and consists of 73 scholars, (from the ages of 4 to 14) 20 teachers and a

superintendent. It is regularly opened and closed with the service of the Sunday School Liturgy, and the course of instruction as prescribed by the Protestant Episcopal S. S. Union, with which it is connected, is followed as near as circumstances will permit. Children, too young to read, are taught by repeating after the teachers, and of this class a number already are able to repeat the Lord's prayer, the creed, and some, the whole of the commandments. The present state of the parish is very flattering, public worship is well attended, and the congregation as a body are well rooted and grounded in the principles of the primitive faith.

*Parish of St. John's Church, Essex, (Saybrook,)—The Rev. A. Steele, Officiating Minister.*

Number of Families about 40: of Communicants about 30: of Bible Class about 45: of Sunday School, Teachers and Scholars, 40.

*New Parish of Christ Church, Salem, New-London County,—The Rev. A. Steele, Officiating Minister.*

Families 25; Communicants 15; Sunday School 30.

*New Parish of Grace Church, Saybrook,—The Rev. A. Steele, Officiating Minister.*

Families 18; Communicants 9: No Sunday School as yet.

Number of Baptisms in the above Parishes 3; Marriages 1: Funerals 2.

*St. John's Church, Stamford,—The Rev. Ambrose S. Todd, Rector.*

Baptisms, adults 1, infants 6; Deaths 11; Marriages 2: New Communicants 5.

Our Sunday School is in successful operation, and some additions during the last year, have been made to its Library.

A Liturgy Class has been established, and is well attended by the young people of the congregation. The class having met but twice, was able to report a very considerable increase of its numbers.

*Christ Church, Hartford,—The Rev. N. S. Whetton, Rector.*

Baptisms, adults 7, infants 20—total 35; Marriages 7; Funerals 9; New communicants 36, whole number 215; Number of Families 146; Sunday School, 1 Superintendent, 2 Assistant Superintendents, 1 Clerk; Teachers, male 9, female 12, total 21; Scholars, male 54, female 108, total 162.

Since the last report, the new church, containing 194 pews, and accommodations for upwards of 1,300 people, has been consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Hobart, in the absence of the

Bishop of the Diocese. The seats are nearly all rented ; and when it is considered that, within the last nine years, the number of congregations in the city of Hartford has increased from four to ten ; and the number of denominations from three to seven ; we have reason to be gratified with the degree of prosperity exhibited in the report, under circumstances so unfavorable to the growth of the Parish.

The Rector is not aware of any material change in the religious state of the Parish during the last year. Notwithstanding the heavy burdens imposed on them by their expensive undertaking, they have exercised their usual liberality towards the various benevolent objects in the church, having remitted to the Domestic and Foreign Church Missionary Society \$220 ; and to that for the promotion of Christian Knowledge \$103 21.

The Sunday School continues to flourish under the care of the Superintendent, to whom the Parish has been so long and highly indebted for his efficient zeal in this, and various other departments connected with its prosperity.

On motion, The reading of the Parochial Reports was suspended to give the Committee on newly incorporated Churches an opportunity of reporting. The Rev. F. Holcomb, from that Committee, thereupon submitted the following report, which, on motion, was accepted :

The Committee to whom was referred the petitions from several newly organized parishes in this diocese, praying to be admitted into union with the Convention, beg leave to report that they have attended to the duties of their appointment, and are of the opinion from the best evidence that can be obtained, that the Church recently formed in Middlebury, that also formed in Saybrook, by the name of Grace Church, and also that in the town of Salem by the name of Christ Church, ought to be admitted into union with this Convention, on condition that they adopt the canons and constitution of this Church.

With respect to the application from that part of the town of Newtown called Zoar, the committee decline making any report, and beg leave to refer the business to the Convention.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Lay-Delegate from the Parish of St. James', Newtown, be heard in behalf of said Parish. Whereupon Mr. Hard submitted the following Petition, and made a verbal statement of the present condition and future prospects of the Church from which it emanated :

To the Convention of the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Connecticut to be held at New-Haven in said State on the first Wednesday of June 1830, the petition of the members of St. James' Parish in Newtown by their Agent, *Benjamin Hard*, humbly sheweth—

That your Petitioners, the most part of them, (till recently,) were members of the Episcopal Parish of Trinity Church in said Newtown, and under the pastoral care and charge of the Rev. Daniel Burhans who

has been Rector of said Church for about thirty years. And your Petitioners would do injustice to their own feelings, should they neglect on this occasion, thus publicly to express their entire satisfaction and approbation of his ministerial labors as a clergyman and as a gentleman. And we humbly trust the many important services rendered to your petitioners while discharging the important trust committed to him, will long be cherished and remembered with becoming gratitude. It has however *unfortunately happened*, that some *peculiar circumstances of the said Trinity Parish* have rendered it expedient, that the venerable Rector should unite with said Trinity parish, in effecting a dissolution of the sacerdotal connection by the first day of November next.

Your Petitioners would also state, that they reside from four to seven miles distance from said Trinity Church, and *many families* within the limits of said St. James' Parish have not the necessary means of conveyance to attend public worship at said Trinity Church, and thereby are precluded from attending on the services of our most excellent Church.

With the foregoing facts and circumstances in view, your Petitioners have deemed it proper to avail themselves of the opportunity thus presented; and have separated themselves from said Trinity Parish according to a Statute Law in that case provided, and formed themselves into a separate Parish, to be called and known by the name of "St. James' Parish, Zoar, in Newtown," and thus to carry into effect what our fathers had in contemplation for about 40 years. Accordingly a compact or association was submitted to, and signed by twenty-six members, five of which were members of no other Parish within the Diocese, a true copy of which is herewith submitted.

Your Petitioners would further state that St. James' Parish, will embrace an extent of territory of about four square miles, and contains within its limits *forty five Episcopal families*, forty five of whom are Communicants.

Your Petitioners would therefore humbly pray that this Convention will take their case into their wise consideration, and receive and annex said Parish into the Diocese of Connecticut, in conformity and agreeable to the Constitution and Canons of the Church in said Diocese, or in some other way grant relief, as your Petitioners in duty bound will ever pray. Dated at Newtown this 29th day of May, 1830.

Signed per order,

BENJAMIN HARD, *Agent*.

The Rev. Mr. Rossiter, who was present, and assisted at the organization of the above named Parish, made a statement in confirmation of that made by Mr. Hard. It was thereupon, Resolved, That St. James' Church, Newtown, be received into union with this Con-



vention. The Lay-Delegates from the several newly organized Churches, were then declared by a resolution, to be entitled to seats in this Convention, as regular members of the same.

The Rev. Mr. Wheaton moved the following amendment to the Canon "concerning Parochial Registers and Reports:" viz: to insert, after the word "Parish," in the second paragraph, these words, "which documents shall be deposited with the Clerk, in case of his removal from the Parish." This amendment was adopted.

The reading of the Parochial Reports was resumed as follows:

***Parochial Report of St. James' Parish, Newtown,—Benjamin Hard-  
Parish Clerk.***

This Parish is composed of a part of Trinity Parish in said New-  
town, and was organized on the 26th day of May, 1830.

No. of Families 45; do. Communicants 45; Baptisms at the time of organizing said Parish 4 infants,—this office was performed by the Rev. Rodney Rossiter of Monroe. No Sunday School has yet been established in said Parish owing to its recent organization, but will be attended to as soon as conveniently may be. This Parish also has appointed a Committee for the purpose of procuring subscriptions to build a Church, and to erect the same as soon as convenient. Harmony to an unusual extent, prevails in this Parish.

*St. John's Church, Waterbury,—Obadiah Warner, and Wm. H. Scovill, Wardens.*

From the absence of Parish Records and Reports, we are unable to state the number of Communicants,—Families about one hundred.

The services of the Rev. Mr. Wheeler are procured for three eights of the time, and we have services occasionally from other clergymen.

A Sunday School Society, on the plan recommended by the Parent Institution, has just been organized, to be made auxiliary to the General Society of the P. E. Church.—Sunday School Scholars, seventy five. The progressive character of the school is encouraging.

There is also in the parish, organized in 1827, a Missionary Society, auxiliary to the Connecticut Protestant Episcopal Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, which has raised the past year, ten dollars. We hope it will, in time to come, be more productive.

Praise is due the Female Benevolent Society in this parish, for their industrious and pious zeal in the cause of religion. The present avails (besides cloathing the needy in the parish) of their semi-monthly meeting for sewing, accumulated, since October last, amounts to twenty nine dollars and six cents—twenty of which they have given to the Sunday School Society, for the purpose of making additions to their Library, and the balance remains unappropriated.

*St. George Church, Milford.*

In this Parish divine service has been performed during the past year, by the Rev. Messrs. Wm. T. Potter, Judah, Shepard and Wm. Croswell. Mr. Potter officiated one Sunday, administered the communion and baptized. Mr. Judah preached on Christmas day evening, and subsequently one Sunday. Mr. Shepard on Good Friday afternoon, and Mr. Croswell held a third service on Sunday. These services were mostly gratuitous, and are remembered with gratitude by the people, who renewedly thank the gentlemen for their kindness.

In addition to these services, the church has been opened nearly half of the time for reading.

The number of Families, 14 ; Communicants 23 ; Baptisms, infants, 2 ; no Funerals ; 1 marriage. The Sunday School contains 4 Teachers and 16 Scholars. The course of study embraces, for the smaller ones the Scripture and Church Catechisms ; the larger, the Church Catechism, with Scripture lessons, using the "Questions on the Epistles and Gospels." Some books have been added to the Library, which we consider as a very efficient instrument in doing good—the interest taken in it by all, appears to be undiminished.

During the past year, recognizing the principle that, members of the same household, the different branches should be bound together in love ; and believing that even necessitous Churches by giving, as well as receiving, will be more closely united to the body of Christ ; and not only so, but catch more of the Christian spirit, and feel and act for others ; and at the same time be roused to greater exertions for themselves—a Missionary Association was formed, which transmitted \$8 to the General Society. This indeed seems only a "widow's mite;" but the Lord may bless it, and then it shall be much.

*St. Paul's Church, Woodbury,—James Moody, and David Betts, Wardens.*

This Parish remained vacant from November till January, when the Rev. Mr. Wheeler commenced his ministrations with and supplied us three-fourths of the time up to Easter, since which, until the ensuing Autumn, he has engaged to officiate three-eighths of the time.

There has been recently formed a Sunday School Society, made auxiliary to the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union.

Number of Families and Communicants about the same as reported to the last Convention ; added to the communion 5 ; Died 1 ; Baptisms 11,—adults 1, children 10 ; Marriages 2 ; Funerals 3 ; Confirmed 10.

*The Parish of Union Church, Hitchcockville,—Asaph Pinney and Zophar Case, Wardens.*

This Parish was duly organized in March, 1829, by a few individ-

uals. It now consists of about 25 families. It has been a field of Missionary labor the year past. Regular services have been performed by various clergymen about one fourth part of the time, and lay-reading has been continued through the year. A very respectable congregation have invariably attended, when a clergyman has been present, and when the services have been performed by laymen, they have been well attended. As the services have been performed by different clergymen, who have generally left the place immediately after closing the service, that benefit has not been derived from their labors, which might have been expected under other circumstances, or from a longer continuance in the Parish. Still it is believed, that good has been done. Many respectable persons in this vicinity appear favorably disposed towards the Church, and all that is necessary to establish them in its doctrines is correct information. From the circumstance of the Society having been but recently formed, and the services performed by different clergymen as above stated, no record has been kept of the Baptisms: but two deaths have occurred since the organization of the Parish. At the commencement of the last year, measures were taken to raise funds for the erection of a Church, (having no place for public worship, except a school house which was found to be much too small, aside from other inconveniences) a committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions, who so far succeeded in the duties of their appointment, that in March, 1829, the Parish voted to build, hoping to be able to finish a good building, and appointed a Committee to carry said vote into effect. As this Parish is located near the centre of a tract of country of 40 by 50 miles in extent, where there is no regular Episcopal Church or services, it was thought advisable to erect a house sufficiently large to accommodate all who might wish to attend; under the flattering prospects which then presented, the Committee proceeded to enter into contracts for the erection of a stone building in the Gothic style, 41 by 60 feet exclusive of the projection or tower, which is now in a state of forwardness, and is expected to be ready for consecration in the month of July, one year from the laying of the corner stone; but owing to misfortunes and disappointments of a peculiar character, which could neither be foreseen or prevented, in consequence of which a considerable portion of the subscriptions actually raised are entirely lost, the resources of the parish are greatly diminished, and they are laboring under the pressure of a heavy debt incurred by erecting their Church—from which they are wholly unable to extricate themselves at present, except the liberal hand of charity is extended to them, and those of their friends who are in more favored circumstances shall aid and assist. In behalf of this infant parish, we ask the charity of the Missionary Society, of the friends of our ancient and Apostolic Church, and of the Christian community, and also the prayers of all the meek and humble followers and worshippers of the living and true God, and his Son our



Saviour, that our feeble exertions to promote his glory, and the best interests of the human family, may ultimately be crowned with success.

*St. Peter's Church, Granby.*

No. of Families about the same as at the last report. It was then 64. The number of Communicants which were then 50, it is believed, have increased 6 or 8. No. of Marriages, Baptisms and Deaths, not known.

This Church has been destitute of the services of a regular clergyman for the greater part of the year past. The Sunday School, which had been in operation for some time previous, was continued through the past winter with success, and was attended by about 75 or 80 Scholars, under the direction of twelve or more Teachers. Both Teachers and Scholars evinced much energy and perseverance, and it is confidently believed their progress in improvement was rapid, and entirely satisfactory to every well wisher of the Church.

**MISSIONARY REPORTS.**

**REPORT OF THE REV. E. B. KELLOGG, MISSIONARY AT BROOKLYN AND POMFRET.**

*To the President of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge.*

Rt. Rev. Sir :

In reporting the present condition of the Church at Brooklyn, we are enabled through Divine goodness to say, that our congregation is larger, the number of worshippers greater, and the confidence of the people more generally and thoroughly regained, than we had anticipated a year ago. In these respects, we have indeed, been very agreeably disappointed.

The No. of Families who now attend our services is about 26 ; Communicants 30,—removed 3, died 1, added 4 ; Baptisms 4,—1 adult, 3 children ; Marriages 1 ; Funerals 3 ; Sunday Scholars 50 ; Teachers 10.

The Parish desire me to state that they find themselves able to dispense for the current year, with one half of the aid granted them by your Society in 1828. Through the generosity of strangers mentioned in our last report, repairs and improvements have been made on the house and glebe, to the amount of \$220. We have thought this circumstance worthy of notice, as it is likely to prove in future a great assistance to this people, in securing the services of the Church among them. The Sunday School is one-third larger this season, than the last, and the library connected with it, is found highly useful in disseminating religious knowledge among the parents of the children, and such others as are pleased to avail themselves of its benefits.

During the fall and winter, a Bible Class was held on the evenings

of every other Sunday, and such explanations and instructions on the historical parts of the Old and New Testaments were given, as we could furnish. The effect was, as we trust, to make the scriptures better understood, and to excite in the breasts of a few, a new interest in their perusal. The timely aid, extended by the "Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge" to this Parish, has been the means under God, of rescuitating, if not of preserving it from entire extinction; and we doubt not that to this Society, as a benevolent instrument, the salvation of some in this flock, will hereafter be attributed. A collection for the Society has been made of \$9 50.

*Christ Church, Pomfret.*

Communicants 19; Baptisms 11, 3 adults and 8 children; Funerals 2; the number of families who regularly attend our services here, is not far from 20, though we are not warranted to say, they all belong to us. Besides these there is a variety of occasional hearers. Since our last Report, an Episcopal Church has been erected in this town, and is nearly finished and paid for.

For these blessings, we are much indebted to the kind assistance received from benevolent individuals in other places: And we desire that they would accept this, as our grateful acknowledgement for the same. The prospects of this infant Parish, are certainly encouraging. We see not what should prevent, either its increase or permanency. Soon after the commencement of services in the Church, the congregation began gradually to enlarge, and our hope is, that the great Giver of increase will soon fill it with constant and devout worshippers. We have to regret, however, that this flock has suffered a very considerable loss the year past, in the death of one, and the removal of others, who were able and active in promoting its prosperity. The expenses of building, supporting, &c. have consequently fallen heavier than was anticipated, upon those who remain; and as these contemplate painting the interior of their Church during the present season, besides furnishing it with an appropriate service for the communion, and doing such other things as are requisite for decency and comfort—they would fain solicit, for one year more, the continuance of the same aid which has hitherto been granted them.

The Sunday School Library has been much increased—the Sunday School itself, has been placed in connexion with the General Sunday School Union, and their course of instruction adopted. They transmit to your Society, \$3 35.

E. B. KELLOGG, Minister,  
to Trinity Church, Brooklyn, and Christ Church, Pomfret.

REPORT OF THE REV. ASHBEL STEELE, MISSIONARY,  
To the Right Rev. T. C. Brownell, Bishop of the Diocese of Connecticut.



*Secretary, and President of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge.*

RIGHT REV. SIR :—

At the request of those concerned, and by your advice, I visited and performed divine service in the vacant Parish of Essex, Saybrook, about the first of September last. After examining the state of the Parish, and officiating a few Sundays, I proceeded next, as requested, to Salem, in New London County, where, from the influence of a few visits, and a few Sunday's services from the Rev. Mr. Jarvis, and one or two from the Rev. Mr. Judd, there had formerly been a prospect of commencing a Church.

After having examined the state of things here also, and officiated two Sundays—though the prospect, in many respects, appeared to be unfavorable—it was finally determined that an effort should be made.

Accordingly I resolved, by the aid of your Society, to make this, and Essex, for the ensuing season, the field of my labors.

Having made these arrangements, and put other things requisite into a train of operation, it becomes my duty and privilege to state, what, by the Divine blessing, have been the progress and the results.

In Salem, from the small beginning of only two entire families, and parts of two or three more, efforts were commenced, and persevered in,—and the number of attendants soon so increased, that on the second Thursday in November, after due consultation, a Society was organized, according to the Order of the Protestant Episcopal Church, under the “name of Christ Church, Salem, New London County.” Soon after this, a vote was passed, and measures adopted, to erect, if practicable, a neat and convenient House of Worship. To this end, several members of the Church in Norwich, generously proffered their assistance, to procure for them the interior work of their old Church building; several members of the Church in Essex, subscribed for them about \$50; individuals in New York and Brooklyn have presented them between \$50 and \$60; and individuals in Hartford, and some particular ones in other places, have engaged to assist them.

Encouraged by these assistances from brethren abroad, they have progressed so far as to procure a site, lay the foundation, and contract for the completion of the building, so far as to be ready for plastering, by the 1st of September next. But its full completion will require further efforts, and further assistance.

While they have thus far progressed towards the erection of a Church, they have increased in numbers to about 25 families—have a Sunday School in operation, consisting of 5 teachers, and about 25 Scholars. And what is of all things the most important, while they have thus progressed in outward things, there are grounds for believing that there has been an equal increase and progress of the spirit of pure and undefiled religion.

In the Parish of St. John's Church, Essex, I have officiated regularly, a little more than one-half of the time. This congregation, which was previously somewhat disheartened, has renewed its energies. And though much is still wanting, it may, on the whole, be said to be in a flourishing state.

As to pecuniary concerns, besides fulfilling their former liberal engagements to the Church Scholarship Society, they have contributed their proportion for the support of their Minister—raised \$100 for an Organ—contributed \$50, to aid the new Church in Salem—towards \$40, in aid of that in Saybrook—\$5 50 to the Christian Knowledge Society—and about \$8 to the Sunday School.

In relation to the state of religion, as well as the efforts made for its promotion in this Parish, there is much that is encouraging.—Something of a *special interest* in the ministry of the word, and of a *special attendance upon the means of grace*, have been manifested during the past season. A numerous and well attended Bible Class has been, by the Divine blessing, the means of awakening the attention of some, and of leading them to seek, “How they may inherit eternal life?” The frequent extraservices and lectures, which have been called for, there is reason to believe, have been blessed, in a considerable degree, to the same end. And the Sunday School, just re-organized, consisting of 10 Teachers, and about 30 Scholars, from the interest manifested in it, it is hoped will have an equally beneficial effect.

In the midst of these efforts, made in the new Parish in Salem, and Essex, your Missionary was incidentally called, in January, to visit and to officiate, in a private family in Saybrook; in the vicinity of which, a few members of the Essex Parish reside. This being done, other Lectures and services were soon requested; and these were afterwards regularly continued, in a convenient School House, once in each week. From this beginning, and the divine blessing on the means used, a spirit of inquiry on the subject of religion, beginning to prevail generally in the place—a spirit of inquiry, in due time, also began, and was conducted with candour, concerning the *doctrines*, ministry, and worship of the Church: and the result has been, according to our sincerest convictions of the truth, most favorable. A number of individuals of influence have become so far favorable to the cause, that they have expressed their confirmed desires, in connexion with the few Episcopalians resident there, to have a House of Worship erected, and to secure permanently among them, the ministrations of the Episcopal Church. To this end, their efforts have so far succeeded, that they have procured an *eligible site*—furnished most of the necessary *funds*, now amounting to about \$2,400—contracted for the *erection of their Church*—and are now organized into a Church or Society, consisting of about 18 families, under the name of *Grace Church*, Saybrook.

Nor, what is more, is their zeal for the erection of a Church, at all more conspicuous, than the general earnestness manifested to know the truth, and to embrace it, as it is in Jesus.

If, from what has here been presented, your Society find that they have ground for thankfulness to the Great Head of the Church, and also for further efforts in this work, it is anxiously hoped that further means will be used to perfect what has here been begun.

All of which is respectfully submitted, by your servant in the ministry.

ASHBEL STEELE.

Saybrook, June 1st, 1830.\*

The following resolution was moved by the Rev. Mr. Hull, and adopted :—

*Resolved*, That it be the duty of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, to present all violations of the Fifth and Eight Canons of this Diocese, which may come to their knowledge, to the Bishop, that he may proceed according to the Canons, to correct the evil : any Canon, regulation, or practice to the contrary, notwithstanding.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Convention, be the Treasurer of the Convention Fund.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Rev. Mr. Judd, for his Convention Sermon, and to the Rev. Mr. Pyne, for his Sermon before the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge.

The Rev. Mr. Pyne offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

*Resolved*, That this Convention regard the collection of Parish Libraries as a measure well deserving the attention of the Parishes of this Diocese, and recommend to the vestries of the several

\* NOTE.—The following is the aggregate of the Parochial Reports received at the Convention. Many of these reports are defective ; some, omitting the number of Families ; others, the number of Communicants, and others, the number of Sunday Scholars and Teachers. From 25 Churches, in union with the Convention, no reports were received :—

|  | Total |
|--|-------|
| Baptisms—Adults 91, Infants 518, . . . . .                     | 609   |
| Marriages, . . . . .   | 207   |
| Burials, . . . . .   | 412   |
| Communicants, (added 288,) . . . . .                           | 4000  |
| Confirmed by the Bishop, (taken from the Bishop's Address) 242 |       |
| Sunday Schools, { Teachers, . . . . .                          | 274   |
| { Scholars, . . . . .  | 3,019 |
| Families, . . . . .  | 2,948 |



Churches, to appropriate such sum as they shall deem expedient, annually to this purpose.

The following preamble and resolution were also unanimously passed :

Whereas, the publication of the Episcopal Watchman was undertaken at the request of the Clergy of this Diocese, expressed in Convocation ; and, whereas, we believe it essential to the prosperity of the Church, that a weekly religious paper should be circulated in the Diocese ;

Therefore, *Resolved*, By this Convention, that the Episcopal Watchman has a just claim on our support ; and that we will, both clergy and laity, endeavor to promote its circulation among our friends, by recommending to them to become subscribers, and by engaging suitable agents in those parishes where the paper is not taken.

On motion, *Resolved*, That this Convention adjourn after the customary acts of devotion. The members united in singing the 133d Psalm : appropriate collects and prayers from the Liturgy, were read by the Bishop ; who closed the exercises with the benediction ; and the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

THOMAS C. BROWNELL, D. D., L. L. D.,

*Bishop of the Diocese of Connecticut, President.*

WILLIAM JARVIS, *Secretary.*

#### NOTE.

The name of the Rev. CHRISTIAN F. CAUSE, Principal of the Episcopal Academy, Cheshire, was inadvertently omitted in the list of the Clergy of the Diocese.

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 \_\_\_\_\_ Church, Weston.  
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 St. John's Church, Woodbury.  
 St. James' Church, New-London.  
 St. Andrew's Church, Simsbury.  
 St. John's Church, New-Milford.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Church, Washington.  
 St. John's Church, East Windsor.

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## (NO. II.)

*The Convention Fund in account with William Jarvis,*

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|         |   | dols.        | cts.      |
|---------|---|--------------|-----------|
| 1829.   |   |              |           |
| June 4. | To cash paid H. & F. J. Huntington's Bill for Stationary for Convention,  |              | 63        |
| Aug. 7. | " do. Paper and Twine for doing up Journals,  | 1            | 00        |
|         | " do. P. Canfield's bill for printing 500 copies Journal of Convention, 1829, (50 pages.)                               | 53           | 00        |
| Nov. 21 | " do. E. Hunt's bill for Blank Book for Convocation,  | 1            | 00        |
| 1830.   |   |              |           |
| June 3. | " do. Rev. Mr. Wheaton, advanced by him to the General Convention Fund, in 1829, as part of the amount on this Diocese, | 12           | 25        |
|         | " do. Rev. Mr. Burbans, do. do.   | 11           | 00        |
|         | " do. Rev. Mr. Hawks, do. do.   | 10           | 00        |
| July 9. | " do. W. D. Starr's bill for printing 650 copies (64 pages) Journal of Convention, 1830,                                | 70           | 00        |
|         | " do. Paper, &c. and doing up Journals,   | 1            | 00        |
|         |   | <u>\$159</u> | <u>88</u> |

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|         |   | dols.        | cts.      |
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| 1829.   |   |              |           |
| June 4. | By Cash from sundry Parishes, received at Convention, | 68           | 20        |
| 1830.   | (see Appendix, No. 2, Journal, 1829,)                 |              |           |
| June 3. | " balance from former Treasurer,                      | 2            | 61        |
|         | " cash from Hartford,                                 | 5            | 00        |
|         | Cheabire,   | 1            | 00        |
|         | Wallingford,  | 1            | 25        |
|         | Wilton and Ridgefield,                                | 2            | 00        |
|         | Bridgeport,   | 3            | 00        |
|         | New Preston,  |              | 75        |
|         | Norwich,  | 3            | 00        |
|         | Derby and Humphreysville,                             | 2            | 50        |
|         | New Haven,  | 12           | 00        |
|         | Essex,  | 1            | 00        |
|         | Meriden,  | 1            | 00        |
|         | Middletown,   | 3            | 50        |
|         | Plymouth,   | 2            | 50        |
|         | Glastenbury,  | 1            | 00        |
|         | Guilford and North Guilford,                          | 1            | 95        |
|         | Fairfield,  | 2            | 25        |
|         | Pomfret and Brooklyn,                                 | 1            | 25        |
|         | East Haddam and North Killingworth,                   | 1            | 75        |
|         | Woodbridge,   | 1            | 50        |
|         | Hamden,   | 1            | 75        |
|         | Waterbury,  | 1            | 50        |
|         | Chatham,  | 3            | 00        |
|         | Stratford, for 1829 and 1830,                         | 4            | 00        |
|         | Danbury and Reading do.                               | 5            | 00        |
|         | Brookfield, do.                                       | 2            | 50        |
|         | Huntington, do.                                       | 4            | 50        |
|         | Sharon,   | 2            | 00        |
|         | Monroe,   | 1            | 25        |
|         | Trumbull,   | 1            | 25        |
| July 9. | By amount due Wm. Jarvis, carried to new account,     | 17           | 12        |
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# **CONSTITUTION OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,**

**IN THE  
DIOCESE OF CONNECTICUT.**

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**ARTICLE 1.** There shall be a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in this State, on the first Wednesday of June, in each year, at such place as shall have been determined upon by the Bishop; and in case of vacancy in the Episcopate, by the Standing Committee.

**ART. 2.** The Protestant Episcopal Church in Connecticut, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, accedes to, recognizes and adopts the General Constitution of that Church, and acknowledges its authority accordingly.

**ART. 3.** Every Convention shall be opened with prayer, and the celebration of the Lord's Supper.—And it shall be the duty of the Bishop, either to deliver a charge, or sermon, or to appoint one of his clergy to preach, at the opening of each Convention;—and in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee shall appoint.

**ART. 4.** The Bishop shall preside in Convention; but in case of absence, or of vacancy in the Episcopate, the oldest presbyter present shall preside.

**ART. 5.** The Bishop shall have power to call a special Convention, when he may judge it conducive to the good of the Church; or when applied to for that purpose, by the Standing Committee, or five presbyters. And in case of vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee shall have power to call a special Convention.

**ART. 6.** The Convention shall be composed of both Clergymen and Laymen. Every officiating minister of this Church, regularly appointed to the charge of a congregation, in union with this Convention; ministers employed as Missionaries, under the appointment of the Ecclesiastical Authority; clerical instructors of youth, in any Seminary of learning in this State, constituted by civil or ecclesiastical authority; and ministers, whom age or infirmities prevent from exercising their clerical functions; shall be members of this Convention. Each parish in this State, which shall have been received into union with the Convention, shall be entitled to a representation in Convention, by one delegate; and if it shall consist of more than fifty families, by two; to be chosen by the parish. But before any delegate shall take his seat, he shall produce a certificate of his appointment, signed by the wardens, or parish Clerk. And one third of the members of the clerical order, and twenty members of the lay

order, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business : but a smaller number may adjourn.

**ART. 7.** The Clergy and Laity in the Convention shall deliberate in one body ; and on every question a majority of votes of those present, shall decide :—But if upon any question, it be required by five members, the two orders shall vote thereon separately, and a concurrence of a majority of each order shall be necessary to give validity to any measure.

**ART. 8.** When the Episcopate of this Diocese shall become vacant by death, or otherwise, the Standing Committee shall call a special Convention, within three months from the time when such vacancy shall happen, at Hartford or New-Haven. And the time and place shall be notified in three or more respectable newspapers in this State, at least four weeks previous to said meeting ; when the Convention may proceed to an election, or adjourn to such time and place as may be deemed expedient.

**ART. 9.** The election of a Bishop of this Diocese, shall be in the following manner ;—The two orders shall separate, and the order of the clergy shall choose, by ballot, some fit and qualified presbyter for that office ; and thereupon such choice shall be communicated to the order of lay-delegates ; and if, on ballot, the person so chosen is approved by the lay order, he shall be declared to be duly elected.—In the above mentioned election, a majority of each order shall determine a choice ; provided, that two thirds of all the clergy entitled to vote, be present ; and two thirds of all the congregations entitled to vote, be represented ; otherwise, two thirds of the votes of each order present, shall be necessary to determine a choice.

**ART. 10.** A Secretary shall be chosen immediately upon the opening of the Annual Convention, from the clerical members thereof. It shall be his duty to take minutes of their proceedings, to preserve their journals and records, to attest the public acts of the body, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of his successor, all books and proceedings relative to the concerns of the Church, which may be in his possession. And it shall also be his duty to notify, through the channel of such public prints, as may be designated by the ecclesiastical authority, the time and place appointed for the meeting of the succeeding, or special Convention.

**ART. 11.** The Standing Committee shall be elected at the Annual Convention ; and shall be composed of five clerical members, who shall be rectors of parishes, or instructors of some seminary instituted by the ecclesiastical or civil authority of this State. The first member elected, shall be president ; and at their first meeting, which shall always be on the day of their election, they shall appoint a Secretary, who shall keep a journal of their proceedings, subject to the inspection of the Convention. Any three of the Committee, (the whole having been summoned,) shall be a quorum, except for such purposes, as, agreeably to their own rules, or the canon of the General Convention, may require a larger number.

ART. 12. The Secretary and Standing Committee of this Convention, shall be appointed by ballot, and shall continue in office until their successors shall have been appointed.

ART. 13. A Treasurer shall be appointed by the Convention, to continue in office during their pleasure ; and it shall be his duty to receive and manage all funds, which may at any time belong to this Convention ; and to lay before the Convention an annual statement of all such funds.

ART. 14. Each order in Convention shall appoint delegates to the General Convention by ballot ; and the delegates thus appointed and confirmed by the concurrent vote of both orders in Convention, shall continue in office three years, or the time that may intervene between the stated meetings of the General Convention.

ART. 15. No clergyman shall be suspended, or receive any public censure, from the Bishop, or Standing Committee of this Diocese, without having been adjudged thereto, in the way to be provided for by canon.

ART. 16. This Constitution shall be unalterable, except in the following manner :—A proposition for amendment shall be introduced in writing, and considered in Convention ; and if approved of, shall lie over to the next Annual Convention ; and if again approved of in the next Annual Convention, by two thirds of each order voting thereon separately, the amendment shall take place, and the Constitution so altered shall be valid and obligatory.

ART. 17. The foregoing Constitution shall be printed, and submitted to the consideration of the several parishes in this Diocese, for their approbation ; and if approved of by three fourths of said parishes, in their Annual Meetings, the evidence of which shall be by certificates, under the hands of the Clerks of the several Parishes, the same shall become the Constitution of the Episcopal Church of this Diocese.

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## CANONS OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE  
DIOCESE OF CONNECTICUT.

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CANON I.—*Concerning Parochial Registers and Reports. (Passed 1826, amended 1830.)*

In order to give effect to the 40th Canon of the General Convention, it is hereby required, that every minister of this Church shall



keep a record of all the Baptisms, Marriages, and Funerals solemnized by him, specifying the name of the parties married, the names of the persons baptized, and of the persons buried, and the time when each rite was performed. He shall also keep a Register of the names of the persons confirmed, of the Communicants, and of the Families belonging to his parish, which documents shall be deposited with the Clerk, in case of his removal from the Parish. And it shall be the duty of every minister to report to the Annual Convention, an abstract of said registers, together with a written account of the state of the parish.

**CANON II.—***Providing for the Convention Fund. (1825.)*

The several Parishes in this Diocese shall annually pay to the Convention Fund, at the rate of fifty cents on every one hundred dollars paid to their respective clergymen, as their annual salary.

**CANON III.—***Declaring the offences, for which a Clergyman may be brought to trial. (1825.)*

Disorderly and immoral conduct, vicious or unseemly diversions, neglect of duty, disregard to the constitution and canons of the General or State Convention, a deviation from the rubrics, and disseminating or countenancing opinions which are contrary to the doctrines of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, are offences for which a clergyman may be brought to trial.

**CANON IV.—***Of the manner in which a Clergyman shall be brought to trial. (1825.)*

In order to bring a Clergyman to trial before an ecclesiastical court, a charge shall be made in the first place to the Standing Committee, in writing, under the proper signature of at least two persons, one of whom shall be a presbyter of this Diocese. And if the Standing Committee shall deem the offence charged, as coming within the offences enumerated in the canons of the Diocese of Connecticut, or of the General Convention, they shall present the same to the Bishop, in the following form :

*To A. B. Bishop of the Diocese of Connecticut—*

The Standing Committee of this Diocese respectfully represent, that C. D. has been accused, under the hand of E. F. and G. H. of [here recite the charge or charges,] and the Committee are of opinion, that there is sufficient ground for presenting the said C. D. for trial, agreeably to the canons in such case made and provided.

[Signed by the Standing Committee.]

Whereupon the Bishop shall summon nine presbyters to meet, at some time, not within ninety days, at some place within the county where the accused shall reside or officiate, for the time being ; five of whom shall be sufficient to constitute a court for the trial of the charge or charges. If more than five of the persons summoned shall appear, the accused may object to any individual over that number,



at his own discretion. If no objection be made, the whole number present shall sit on the trial.

The Bishop shall forthwith give notice to the Standing Committee, of the time and place of the meeting of the court. And the Standing Committee shall act as prosecutors in the case ; and at least sixty days before the trial, shall furnish the accused with a copy of the presentment—notice of the time and place of trial—and a specification of the facts on which they expect to maintain the charges. And the accused, at least thirty days before the trial, shall furnish the Standing Committee with a statement of the grounds of his defence, on each specification.

At the time fixed for the trial, the members of the court shall choose a President from their own number, and a Secretary, either from their own number or otherwise, as they shall see fit ; and they shall, before they proceed, adopt and declare the rules by which the trial shall be conducted : Provided, however, that no layman shall act as advocate for either party on the trial ; though both parties may, at their option, employ or consult legal or other advisers.

If the accused shall neglect or refuse to appear, or to answer to the charges in the manner herein prescribed, the court shall order judgment to be entered against him by default. But if he shall appear, the court shall proceed to a fair and impartial hearing of the whole matter, and shall adjudge him *guilty* or *not guilty*, according to the evidence : and if guilty, the sentence which, in their opinion, ought to be pronounced.

The Secretary shall keep a record of all the proceedings—containing a copy of the presentment—of the specifications—of the notice to the accused, and of his answer—with a statement of all the evidence, both oral and written—and the final judgment of the court : And an attested copy of this record shall be forthwith delivered to the Bishop. If the judgment be, *not guilty*, the Bishop shall give a certificate of *acquittal* to the accused, embracing a copy of the presentment and specifications ; and the accused shall not be subjected to a second trial on the same facts. If the court judge him *guilty*, on one or more points at issue, the Bishop may disapprove the judgment, and order a new trial, stating his grounds for such decision : or he may approve the judgment ; and in that case he shall, within thirty days, proceed to such ecclesiastical censure, as the case may, in his opinion, require—whether it be admonition, suspension, or degradation from the ministry.

**CANON V.**—*Concerning the manner in which Clergymen are to take charge of Parishes, and their separation from them. (1826.)*

No clergyman shall take the charge of any parish in this Diocese, without having first obtained the written permission of the Bishop, or in case there be no Bishop, of the Standing Committee of the Diocese. Nor shall any clergyman having the charge of a parish, relinquish the



same without the written permission of the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, of the Standing Committee. And every violation of this Canon shall constitute an offence for which a clergyman may be tried under the canon of 1825, providing for the trial of clergymen.

**CANON VI.—***Providing for the preservation of the records of the Standing Committee. (1826.)*

It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Standing Committee, to prepare an abstract of their proceedings, from year to year, and present the same to the Convention at its annual meeting. The abstract shall specify the time and place of each meeting of the committee, during the year—the number present—the names of the candidates presented for admission, with the decision of the committee in each case—and the substance of all other matters which shall be brought before them, and such abstract shall be entered on the journals of the Convention, and published therewith.

**CANON VII.—***Concerning collections for the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge.*

It shall be the duty of the Rector and Wardens, or of the Wardens where there is no Rector, of every parish in the Diocese, to make an annual collection for the benefit of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge.

**CANON VIII.—***For the regulation and maintenance of Cures. (1828.)*

It shall be the duty of the Convention, from time to time, to examine and declare the limits of the several cures within the Diocese—and in the settlement and maintenance of clergymen, the several parishes shall steadily adhere to such arrangement, except in cases of imperious necessity, and with the advice and consent of the ecclesiastical authority.—And any parish refusing to acquiesce in such arrangement, shall, while such refusal continues, be thereby excluded from representation in the Convention. And further, no clergyman of this Diocese shall accept a settlement in any of the Parishes in this State which may refuse to acquiesce in the arrangement of the Convention as to cures, unless for special causes, it may seem good to the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese to dispense with the provisions of this canon.

**CANON IX.—***Concerning Annual Parish Meetings. (1830.)*

There shall be an annual meeting of the parishioners of every parish in this Diocese, on Easter Monday, or on some other day legally appointed, for the purpose of electing the Wardens and Vestry, and of transacting such other business as may come before said meeting : which Wardens and Vestry shall constitute the Society's Committee, agreeably to the provisions of the Statute.

# CANONS

PASSED IN GENERAL CONVENTION IN 1820.



## CANON I.

*Of those who have officiated as Ministers among other denominations of Christians, and apply for orders in this Church.*

SEC. 1. When a person who has been acknowledged as an ordained Minister among any other denomination of Christians, shall apply for orders in this Church, the Bishop to whom application is made, being satisfied, on examination according to the Canons, that he is a man of piety and unexceptionable character, that he holds the doctrines of the Church, and that he possesses all the literary and other qualifications required, and being furnished with testimonials from the Standing Committee duly convened, may ordain him as soon as is convenient. And the Standing Committee may receive testimonials of his piety, good morals, and orderly conduct, from twelve members of the denomination from which he came: provided the members of the Committee have such confidence in the persons thus testifying, as to satisfy them of the correctness of the testimony; and also a testimonial to the same effect from at least one Clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church. In all such cases the standing Committee may insert in their testimonials the words, "we believe him to be sincerely attached to the doctrines and discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church," instead of the words, "and hath not written, taught, or held, any thing contrary to the doctrine or discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church."

SEC. 2. When any person, not a citizen of the United States, who has been acknowledged as an ordained Minister among any other denomination of Christians, shall apply for orders in this Church, the Bishop to whom application is made, shall require of him, (in addition to the above qualifications,) satisfactory evidence that he has resided at least one year in the United States previous to his application.

The XVIIth Canon of 1808, and the IVth and Vth of 1820, are hereby repealed.

## CANON II.

*Offences for which Ministers shall be tried and punished.*

If any Minister of this Church shall be accused, by public rumor, of discontinuing all exercise of the ministerial office without lawful



cause, or of living in the habitual disuse of public worship, or of the Holy Eucharist, according to the offices of this Church, or of being guilty of scandalous, disorderly or immoral conduct, or of violating the Canons, or preaching or inculcating heretical doctrine, it shall be the duty of the Bishop, or ecclesiastical authority, to see that an inquiry be instituted as to the truth of such public rumor. And in case of the individual being proceeded against and convicted, according to such rules or process as may be provided by the Conventions of the respective Dioceses, he shall be admonished, suspended, or degraded, as the nature of the case may require.

The XXVth Canon of 1808, is hereby repealed.

### CANON III.

*To govern in case of a Minister declaring that he will no longer be a Minister of this Church.*

If any Minister of this Church, against whom there is no ecclesiastical proceeding instituted, shall declare to the Bishop of the Diocese to which he belongs, or to any ecclesiastical authority for the trial of Clergymen, or, where there is no Bishop, to the Standing Committee, his renunciation of the ministry, and his design not to officiate in future, in any of the offices thereof, it shall be the duty of the Bishop, or where there is no Bishop, of the Standing Committee, to record the declaration so made. And it shall be the duty of the Bishop to displace him from the ministry, and to pronounce and record, in the presence of two or three Clergymen, that the person so declaring has been displaced from the ministry of this Church. In any Diocese in which there is no Bishop, the same sentence may be pronounced by the Bishop of any other Diocese, invited by the Standing Committee to attend for that purpose. In the case of displacing from the ministry, as above provided for, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to give notice thereof to every Bishop of this Church, and to the Standing Committee in every Diocese wherein there is no Bishop. And in case of a person making the above declaration for causes not affecting his moral standing, the same shall be declared.

The VIIth Canon of 1820 is hereby repealed.

### CANON IV.

*Concerning Ministers removing from one Diocese or State to another.*

SEC. 1. No Minister removing from one Diocese to another, or coming from any State or district which may not have acceded to the Constitution of this Church, shall be received as a stated officiating Minister by any congregation of this Church, until he shall have presented to the Vestry thereof a certificate from the Bishop or ecclesias-



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LIST OF THE  
CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF CONNECTICUT,  
JUNE, 1891.

The Right Rev. THOMAS C. BROWNELL, D. D. LL. D., Bishop,  
and President of Washington College, Hartford.

The Rev. GEORGE B. ANDREWS, Rector of St. John's Church,  
Kent, and St. Paul's Church, Sharon, residing at Amenia, N. Y.

The Rev. HENRY S. ATWATER, Rector of St. Andrew's Church,  
New Preston, and St. John's Church, Washington.

The Rev. ASHUEL BALDWIN, Rector of St. Peter's, and Christ  
Churches, Oxford.

The Rev. DAVID BALDWIN, Rector of Christ Church, Guilford,  
and St. John's Church, North Guilford.

The Rev. WILLIAM BARLOW, Rector of St. John's Church, Wa-  
terbury.

The Rev. STEPHEN BEACH, Rector of St. John's Church, Salisbury.

The Rev. DAVID BELDEN, residing at Wilton.

The Rev. BENJAMIN BENHAM, residing at Brookfield.

The Rev. SOLOMON BLAKESLEE.

The Rev. CHARLES W. BRADLEY.

The Rev. N. N. B. BURGESS, Rector of St. James' Church, Preston.

The Rev. DANIEL BURHANS, Rector of St. James' Church,  
Newtown.

The Rev. GUSTAVUS V. CÆSAR.

The Rev. JOSEPH T. CLARK.

The Rev. PETER G. CLARK, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, East  
Haddam, and Christ Church, Salem, New London county.

The Rev. GURDON S. COIT, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Ply-  
mouth.

The Rev. ASA CORNWALL, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Granby.

The Rev. LEVI H. CORSON, appointed Missionary of the D. & F.  
M. S. to Missouri.

The Rev. JOSEPH S. COVELL, Rector of St. Paul's Church,  
Brookfield.

The Rev. HARRY CROSWELL, Rector of Trinity Church, includ-  
ing St. Paul's Chapel, New-Haven.

The Rev. CHRISTIAN F. CRUSE', Rector of St. Peter's Church,  
and Principal of the Episcopal Academy, Cheshire.

The Rev. WILLIAM A. CURTIS, Rector of Christ Church, Wood-  
bridge, and — Church, Salem, New-Haven county.

The Rev. SAMUEL FULLER, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Glas-  
tenbury, and Editor of the Episcopal Watchman, Hartford.

The Rev. ALPHEUS GEER, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Hebron,  
and Christ Church, Middle-Haddam.

The Rev. FREDERICK HOLCOMB, Rector of the Churches in Wa-  
tertown and Northfield.

The Rev. ORIGEN P. HOLCOMB, Rector of the Churches in Brad-  
leyville and Milton.

The Rev. LEMUEL B. HULL, Rector of St. James' Church, Danbur,  
and Christ Church, Reading.

The Rev. ENOCH HUNTINGTON, Rector of St. John's Church  
New Milford.

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The Rev. ~~Samuel~~ <sup>James</sup> ~~Livingston~~ <sup>residing at</sup> Cheshire.

The Rev. ~~Samuel~~ <sup>James</sup> ~~Livingston~~ <sup>residing at</sup> Cheshire, Rector of the Churches in Branford,

and ~~Hartford~~ <sup>Windsor</sup>.

The Rev. ~~William~~ <sup>William</sup> JARVIS, Rector of Trinity Church, Chatham.

The Rev. ~~Samuel~~ <sup>Samuel</sup> JEWETT, Rector of St. James' Church, Derby,

and ~~Union~~ <sup>Union</sup> Church, Humphreysville.

The Rev. GEORGE JONES, Rector of Christ Church, Middletown.

The Rev. ISAAC JONES, residing at Litchfield.

The Rev. HENRY R. JUDAH, Rector of St. John's Church, Bridge-

port.

The Rev. BETHEL JUDD, Rector of St. John's Church, New-London.

The Rev. JAMES KEELE, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Meriden, and Trinity Church, Southington.

The Rev. EZRA B. KELLOGG, Rector of Trinity Church, Brooklyn, and Christ Church, Pomfret.

The Rev. JACKSON KEMPER, D. D. Rector of St. Paul's Church, Norwalk.

The Rev. WILLIAM LUCAS, associate Rector of St. Michael's Church, Litchfield.

The Rev. TRUMAN MARSH, Rector of the associated Churches in Litchfield.

The Rev. JOHN MORGAN, Missionary of the D. and F. M. S. in the Diocese of Mississippi.

The Rev. SETH B. PADDOCK, Rector of Christ Church, Norwich.

The Rev. NORMAN PINNEY, Professor of Languages in Washington College, Hartford.

The Rev. HORATIO POTTER, Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, in Washington College, Hartford.

The Rev. CHAUNCEY PRINDLE, residing at Oxford.

The Rev. SMITH PYNE, Professor of Moral Science and Belles Lettres in Washington College, Hartford.

The Rev. RODNEY ROSSITER, Rector of the Churches in Monroe and Trumbull.

The Rev. JOSEPH SCOTT.

The Rev. GEO. C. SHEPARD, Rector of Christ Church, Stratford.

The Rev. CHARLES SMITH, Rector of St. John's Church, Fairfield.

The Rev. ASHBEL STEELE, Rector of St. John's and Grace Churches, Saybrook.

The Rev. JOHN S. STONE, associate Rector of Trinity Church and St. Paul's Chapel, New-Haven.

The Rev. AMBROSE S. TODD, Rector of St. John's Church, Stamford.

The Rev. CHARLES J. TODD, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Wilton, and — Church, Ridgefield.

The Rev. RANSOM WARNER, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Simsbury.

The Rev. NATHANIEL S. WHEATON, Rector of Christ Church, Hartford.

The Rev. GEORGE S. WHITE, residing at Canterbury.

The Rev. MILTON ~~White~~ <sup>White</sup>, residing at Simsbury.

*Number of men in the Diocese, 60.*

**LIST OF THE PARISHES**  
OF THE  
**Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of**  
**Connecticut, 1831.**

**HARTFORD COUNTY.**

*Hartford*, Christ Church.  
*Glastenbury*, Lt. Luke's Church.  
*Simsbury*, St. Andrew's Church.  
*Granby*, St. Peter's Church.  
*\* East Windsor*, (*Warehousepoint*,) St. John's Church.  
*Southington*, ——— Church.  
*Hitchcocksville*, Union Church.

**WINDHAM COUNTY.**

*Brooklyn*, Trinity Church.  
*Canterbury*, St. Thomas' Church.  
*Pomfret*, Christ Church.

**TOLLAND COUNTY.**

*Hebron*, St. Peter's Church.

**NEW-LONDON COUNTY.**

*New-London*, St. James' Church.  
*Norwich*, Christ Church.  
*Preston*, (*Pauquetanuck*,) St. James' Church.  
*Salem*, Christ Church.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY.**

*Middletown*, Christ Church.  
*Chatham*, Trinity Church.  
*Middle-Haddam*, Christ Church.  
*East-Haddam*, St. Stephen's Church.  
*Saybrook*, { (*Essex*,) St. John's Church.  
                   } Grace Church.  
*North Killingworth*, Union Church.

**NEW-HAVEN COUNTY.**

*New-Haven*, { Trinity Church,  
                   } St. Paul's Chapel,  
*Guilford*, Christ Church.  
*North Guilford*, St. John's Church.  
*Branford*, Trinity Church.  
*\* North Branford*, Trinity Church.  
*East Haven*, Christ Church.  
*\* North Haven*, Trinity Church.  
*Northford*, St. Michael's Church.  
*\* Wallingford*, St. Paul's Church.  
*Cheshire*, St. Peter's Church.  
*Meriden*, St. Andrew's Church.  
*Hamden*, Grace Church.  
*\* West Haven*, ——— Church.  
*Milford*, St. George's Church.  
*Derby*, St. John's Church.  
*Humphreysville*, Union Church.

*Oxford*, { St. Peter's Church.  
 { Christ Church.  
*Waterbury*, St. John's Church.  
*Salem*, ——— Church.  
*Woodbridge*, Christ Church.  
*Middlebury*, ——— Church.

## FAIRFIELD COUNTY.

*Stratford*, Christ Church.  
*Bridgeport*, St. John's Church.  
*Fairfield*, Trinity Church.  
 \* *Weston*, ——— Church.  
*Norwalk*, St. Paul's Church.  
*Stamford*, St. John's Church.  
*Wilton*, St. Matthew's Church.  
*Ridgefield*, ——— Church.  
*Danbury*, St. James' Church.  
*Reading*, Christ Church.  
*Newtown*, { Trinity Church.  
 { St. James' Church.  
*Brookfield*, St. Paul's Church.  
*Huntington*, St. Paul's Church.  
*Monroe*, St. Peter's Church.  
*Trumbull*, Christ Church.  
 \* *New Canaan*, ——— Church.

## LITCHFIELD COUNTY.

*Litchfield*, St. Michael's Church.  
 \* " *Bradleyville*, ——— Church.  
 \* " *Milton*, ——— Church.  
*New-Milford*, St. John's Church.  
 " *Bridgewater*, ——— Church.  
*Sharon*, St. Paul's Church.  
*Kent*, St. John's Church.  
*New Preston*, St. Andrew's Church.  
*Washington*, St. John's Church.  
*Salisbury*, St. John's Church.  
*Woodbury*, St. John's Church.  
 \* *Roxbury*, ——— Church.  
 \* *Bethlehem*, ——— Church.  
*Watertown*, Christ Church.  
*Canaan*, ——— Church.  
 \* *Cornwall*, ——— Church.  
 \* *Goshen*, ——— Church.  
 \* *Northfield*, ——— Church.  
 \* *Barkhamstead*, St. John's Church.  
*Plymouth*, { St. Peter's Church.  
 { St. Matthew's Church.

*Number of Congregations, 83.*

\* These Parishes were not represented in Convention by Delegates.



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## **OF THE**

### **CONVENTION, 1881.**

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**HARTFORD, June 1, 1881.**

This being the day appointed by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of Connecticut, for the meeting of the Annual Convention of said Church, the Rt. Rev. T. C. Brownell, D. D. LL. D. the Bishop of the Diocese, and several Clergymen and Lay-Delegates, attended at 10 o'clock, A. M. in Christ Church, in this city, which had been appointed by the Bishop as the place of meeting.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Harry Crosswell, Rector of Trinity Church, New-Haven, and the Sermon preached by the Rev. Lemuel B. Hull, Rector of St. James' Church, Danbury, and Christ Church, Reading.

The Bishop then held an ordination, and admitted Mr. Joseph Scott to the holy order of Deacons; after which the Holy Communion was administered.

The religious exercises being concluded, the Bishop took the chair and appointed the Rev. David Baldwin and the Rev. William Jarvis, a committee to receive and examine the testimonials of the Lay-Delegates.

The Convention adjourned until 3 o'clock, this afternoon.

**CHRIST CHURCH, 3 o'clock, P. M.**

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The list of the clergy of the Diocese being called over, the following members answered to their names, and took their seats :

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| The Rt. Rev. T. C. BROWNELL, | Rev. PETER G. CLARK,  |
| D. D. LL. D.                 | " GURDON S. COIT,     |
| Rev. GEORGE B. ANDREWS,      | " HARRY CROSWELL,     |
| " HENRY S. ATWATER,          | " CHRISTIAN F. CRUSE, |
| " DAVID BALDWIN,             | " SAMUEL FULLER,      |
| " WILLIAM BARLOW,            | " ALPHEUS GEER,       |
| " STEPHEN BEACH,             | " FREDERICK HOLCOMB,  |
| " C. W. BRADLEY,             | " LEMUEL B. HULL,     |
| " NATHAN B. BURGESS,         | " ENOCH HUNTINGTON,   |
| " DANIEL BURHANS,            | " EDWARD J. IVES,     |

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WILLIAM JARVIS,  
STEPHEN JEWETT,  
GEORGE JONES,  
BETHEL JUDD,  
JAMES KEELER,  
EZRA B. KELLOGG,  
WILLIAM LUCAS,  
TRUMAN MARSH,  
SETH B. PADDOCK,  
NORMAN PINNEY,

Rev. HORATIO POTTER,  
" RODNEY ROSSITER,  
" JOSEPH SCOTT,  
" CHARLES SMITH,  
" ASHBEL STEELE,  
" JOHN S. STONE,  
" AMBROSE S. TODD.  
" RANSOM WARNER,  
" NATHANIEL S. WHEATON.

The following clergymen, entitled to seats in this Convention, or residing in this Diocese, were not present :

Rev. ASHBEL BALDWIN,  
" DAVID BELDEN,  
" BENJAMIN BENHAM,  
" SOLOMON BLAKESLEY,  
" JOSEPH T. CLARK,  
" ASA CORNWALL,  
" LEVI H. CORSON,  
" JOSEPH S. COVELL,  
" WILLIAM A. CURTIS,  
" ORIGIN P. HOLCOMB,

Rev. REUBEN IVES,  
" ISAAC JONES,  
" HENRY R. JUDAH,  
" JACKSON KEMPER,  
" HAUNCEY PRINDLE,  
" SMITH PYNE,  
" GEORGE C. SHEPARD,  
" CHARLES J. TODD.  
" GEORGE S. WHITE,  
" MILTON WILCOX.

The Committee to whom were referred the certificates of the Lay Delegates, reported that the following persons had been duly elected, to represent their respective parishes in this Convention :

John S. Peters, } *Hebron.*  
Joel Foote, }  
Jacob Beers, } *Trinity Church,*  
\*Abijah B. Curtis, } *Newtown.*  
Jeremiah Sturges, } *Fairfield.*  
Abel G. Welton, } *St. Peter's,*  
Josiah Smith, } *Plymouth.*  
Charles Beach, }  
\*Thaddeus B. Read, } *Reading.*  
Ira Benedict, 2d, } *Danbury.*  
\*Nathan L. Foster, } *East Haddam.*  
Chevers Brainard, }  
Leonard Davis, } *North Killingworth.*  
Daniel B. Van Voshurgh, } *Derby.*  
James M. Goodwin, } *Hartford.*  
S. H. Huntington, }  
Burrage Beach, } *Cheshire.*  
John Barnes, }  
Reuben Elliott, } *Guilford.*  
Joseph Finch, } *Southington.*  
Richard Adams, } *Norwich.*  
Joseph Backus, }  
Stephen W. Starkey, } *Essex Borough.*  
Stephen Bailey, }  
Marvel Andrews, } *Meriden.*

Elmer Jackson, Jr., } *Middletown.*  
\*Henry Woodward, }  
Samuel Church, } *Salisbury.*  
Henry Dauchy, }  
John Isham, } *Canaan.*  
Sherman S. Wheaton, } *New Preston.*  
Jesse Tuttle, } *Hamden.*  
Charles Jarvis, } *St. James Church,*  
                              } *Newtown.*  
\*Erastus Sturges, } *Wilton.*  
Joseph Hall, }  
David Cornwall, } *Chatham.*  
Wm. W. Boardman, } *New Haven.*  
Henry Huggins, }  
William Lumb, } *Humphreysville.*  
Israel Camp, } *Sharon.*  
Sidney Morgan, } *Salem.*  
Seth E. Lathrop, }  
Jonathan Collins, } *Branford.*  
Eleazer S. Woodruff, } *Watertown.*  
Ezra Beardsley, } *Monroe.*  
William Putnam, } *Brooklyn.*  
H. J. Potter, } *St. Matthew's, Plymouth.*  
Ransom Steele, } *Waterbury.*  
David W. Austin, }

Henry Dayton, } *Glastenbury.*  
 Samuel Taylor, }  
 Joel Case, } *Hitchcockville.*  
 Jesse Ives, }

Ariel Mitchelson, } *Simsbury.*  
 Lot Pinney, }  
 Jehiel Williams, } *New Milford.*

These Delegates were present, with the exception of those whose names have this mark (\*) affixed to them ; and the roll being called, answered to their names, and took seats in Convention.

A quorum of both orders being present, the Convention proceeded to the election of a Secretary by ballot, when the Rev. William Jarvis was unanimously re-elected. On motion, the Convention appointed Mr. Burrage Beach, Assistant-Secretary.

*Resolved*, That Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church belonging to other Dioceses, Candidates for Holy Orders, and the Officers of Washington College, be admitted to honorary seats in this Convention.

Agreeably to this resolution, Mr. Samuel Lewis, and Mr. Augustus F. Lyde, Candidates for Holy Orders, took seats in Convention.

*Resolved*, That the rules of order of the last Convention, be adopted for the government of this, and be read.

The rules of order were read accordingly, as follows :

1. The business of every day shall be introduced by prayer.
2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand unless to address the chair.
3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the convention, unless he have leave from the house.
4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the convention, he shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.
5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.
6. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the convention, and shall not again be drawn into debate during the same session.
7. While the President is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the house, or read any book.
8. Every member who shall be in the convention when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be particularly interested in the decision.
9. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless it be seconded, and reduced to writing when required.
10. When any question is before the convention, it shall be determined on before any thing new is introduced, except for adjournment.
11. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.
12. When the convention is to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leave the chair.

liberality of the Parish. I regret to add that the expense of the building has considerably exceeded the estimates which were made, and that owing to unexpected embarrassments in the business of the Village, the Parish is encumbered with a heavy debt. The peculiar circumstances of the case, give the people of this Parish a strong claim on the sympathy of their brethren. The new Churches at Salem, and Saybrook, are nearly ready for consecration. A large stone Church will be completed in Chatham, during the present season, and two other new Churches are in progress.

Among the changes which have occurred since the last Convention, we have to regret the removal of some of our valuable Clergymen to other Dioceses. The Rev. Hector Humphreys, who had been a highly valued Professor in Washington College, has accepted the Presidency of St. John's College, in the State of Maryland. The Rev. Reuben Sherwood has resigned the charge of the Hartford Academy, and removed to the Diocese of New-York. The Rev. Francis L. Hawkes, who was for a short time connected with this Diocese, has accepted the Rectorship of St. Stephen's Church, New-York. The Rev. John M. Garfield has also removed to the Diocese of New-York. The Rev. William T. Potter, and the Rev. Richard Peck, have removed to the Eastern Diocese. But notwithstanding these removals, the number of our clergy has not diminished, during the past year. The Rev. Dr. Kemper, from the Diocese of Pennsylvania, has accepted the Rectorship of St. Paul's Church, Norwalk; the Rev. Samuel Fuller, jun. from the Eastern Diocese, has accepted the Rectorship of St. Luke's Church, Glastenbury, with the editorial charge of the Episcopal Watchman; the Rev. Henry S. Atwater, from the Diocese of New-York, has accepted the charge of St. Andrew's Church, New-Preston, and the Rev. Charles J. Todd, from the same Diocese, is officiating at Wilton, and Ridgefield. Of the Deacons ordained during the past year, the Rev. Gurdon S. Coit, the Rev. Charles W. Bradley, and the Rev. George Jones, remain in the Diocese. The Rev. Daniel Burhans, who has for 30 years labored faithfully and successfully as Rector of Trinity Church, Newtown, has resigned the charge of the Parish, and has accepted the Rectorship of St. James' Church, Zoar. The Rev. William Barlow, for some time Agent of the Church Scholarship Society, has accepted the charge of St. John's Church, Waterbury. The Rev. Asa Cornwall has removed from Cheshire to Granby; in which latter place he has re-established his useful School, and has accepted the charge of the Parish. The Rev. William A. Curtis has resigned the Parish of Oxford, and accepted the charge of the Parishes of Woodbridge and Salem. The Rev. Ashbel Baldwin has resigned his cure, consisting of the Parishes of Wallingford and North-Haven, and accepted the Rectorship of the Churches of Oxford, and Quaker's Farms. The Rev. O. P. Holcomb has resigned the Parishes of Wilton and Ridgefield, and is officiating at Bradleyville and Milton.

The following cures are now vacant, viz: Trinity Church, New-

town; the Churches of Wallingford and North Haven; the Churches of Hamden, West-Haven, and Milford; the Churches of Woodbury and Roxbury; the Parish of Warehouse point, East Windsor, and the new Parish of Hitchcocksville. All of these places are desirous of immediate supply, and in each of them a suitable Clergyman would find a competent support, and a situation of usefulness.

The Convention will not fail to notice the numerous changes in the location of the Clergy, reported from year to year. This is not peculiar to Connecticut, but is a common complaint in almost every Diocese. It is occasioned, in a considerable degree, by the inadequate number of the Clergy. Vacant Parishes will not fail to make overtures to settled Clergymen, when no others are to be obtained. These importunities, together with prospects of better support, or of more extensive usefulness, must lead to frequent changes. Another cause, of considerable influence in this Diocese, will be found in the condition of our Parishes. Many of these are yet in so feeble a state that two or three of them are obliged to unite for the support of a Clergyman. Under these circumstances, they will generally be averse to the formation of permanent arrangements, in the hope that each will be able to secure the exclusive services of a Clergyman at no distant period. But there is still another cause of these frequent changes, for which no such justification can be urged. I allude to that love of novelty, and that admiration of mere popular preaching, which I fear is too much a characteristic of the present times. It is not thought sufficient that the minister is sensible, discreet and pious; that he visits the sick and the afflicted, and discharges all his pastoral duties with fidelity. He must, moreover, be an orator; attract the admiration of the multitude, and draw crowds to hear him preach. A good elocution is certainly a very desirable qualification in a public speaker; but it may be doubted whether splendid displays of eloquence contribute greatly to Christian edification. It sometimes happens that men's minds are so engrossed by their admiration of the orator, that they think little of any practical application of the truths which he delivers. But what is called popular preaching, is too often but frothy declamation, set off by some of the graces of delivery. Such popularity is of short continuance. It ceases as soon as the novelty is past; and the unfortunate parish that relies on it, will be grievously disappointed. This eagerness for popular preaching is especially the propensity of the young, whose ardent feelings expose them to the influence of showy and imposing qualities. I have known more than one pastoral connexion broken up, where the Clergyman possessed undoubted talents and piety, and all those substantial qualifications which go to form the character of the faithful and useful pastor, but was thought deficient in a popular elocution. The temporal condition of the Parish did not prosper, perhaps so remarkably as some of its sanguine members could desire—for though men may plant and cultivate, it is for God to give the increase, and he does this in his own good time. Reports are





mond, and George F. Cook. Fitch W. Taylor has been transferred to the Diocese of Va.

This encouraging number of candidates is owing, in a great degree, to the establishment of Washington College; eleven of them being Alumni of the Institution. Nine of the number are now pursuing their studies at the General Theological Seminary of our Church, and two more of them expect to join the Seminary at the commencement of the next term. I doubt not but the intimate connexion of these two Institutions, and the subserviency of both to the best interests of the Church, will become more manifest from year to year. During the past year, the Theological Seminary has numbered on its list of students eleven Alumni of Washington College. In the ensuing year it will probably receive five or six more.

But, Brethren, notwithstanding the influence of these, and other kindred institutions, it is a fact that the spontaneous growth of the Church, far outstrips the tardy increase in the number of our Clergy. I have reverted to the number of vacant Parishes in this Diocese. I am sorry to add that the state of other Dioceses exhibits similar, or even greater destitutions. Unless great additions shall be made to the number of our Clergy, the natural growth of the Church must be checked, and even many of our existing Parishes must decline. Would that the members of our Church were roused to a consideration of the importance of these facts! I would rejoice to see those parents who are able to afford their sons the advantages of a public education, careful to imbue their minds with the solemn truths of religion, and to make them feel that the self-denial and self-devotion which the sacred office demands, is no more than Christian duty requires. The Clergy too, should contribute their influence to increase the number of candidates for Holy Orders. In almost every Parish there may be found some youth of piety and talents, who by suitable encouragement and counsel, or by pecuniary aid in acquiring a competent education, might be brought forward to fill the scanty ranks of the ministry. It is, however, on the youth in the less affluent ranks of society, who have not been exposed to the temptations of wealth and ambition, that we must mainly depend, to supply the wants of the Church. But these youth cannot obtain the requisite education without pecuniary assistance. I regard education societies, therefore, as of paramount importance to the Church. Indeed there is no other resource on which we can rely. The Church Scholarship Society organized by the Convention of this Diocese, has answered all the reasonable expectations of its founders. Some of its fruits are evinced in our present encouraging list of Candidates for Holy Orders. Other youth of high promise are now in a course of collegiate education, by the aid of its funds. I recommend the Society to the increased patronage of the members of our Church, as one of the most beneficent objects to which their bounty can be applied. When similar Institutions shall be established in all the other Dioceses, or when adequate provision is otherwise made for assisting the education of pious youth, we may expect to see a dawn

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of brighter prospects for the Church. Well educated young men of piety and zeal will soon be found resorting, in abundance, to our Theological Seminary; which will then be enabled to exert all that efficiency for which it was designed. Our vacant Parishes will be supplied with suitable pastors. Our Missionaries will seek out the scattered members of our Church in the remote regions of the West, and her institutions will be established in every portion of our country.

The Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, in this Diocese, has been so long established, and its salutary influence in sustaining our feeble Parishes, and in the establishment of new ones, is so well known, that I need say nothing to recommend it to your continued patronage. It is designed to advance the interests of that portion of Christ's Church, which he has in his providence assigned to our special care. We are required to exercise this care by that precept which makes it the Christian's peculiar duty to provide for his own household.

But the great law of charity makes it our duty also, to take an interest in the welfare of every brother. Upon this principle the General Missionary Society commends itself to our attention. I am happy to perceive that this beneficent Institution is beginning to excite a general interest in the Church. The spirit of Missions appears to be spreading throughout our borders; and, as I believe it to be a favorable indication of spiritual health, I rejoice to see this Diocese participating in its genial influence.

My Brethren of the Clergy,—it had been my intention to avail myself of this occasion, to address to you a Charge, on some topics which cannot be suitably discussed in an Address like the present. Being prevented by bodily infirmity, I hope to perform that duty at the next Convention, should it please Divine Providence to spare my life to that period.

In the mean time, let us be admonished by the dispensations of the past year, to devote ourselves with increasing diligence, and with fervent zeal, to the duties of our high calling. Since our last meeting the shafts of death have been peculiarly fatal, in the thin ranks of the Clergy. Though we have been mercifully spared, yet no fewer than eight of our brethren of an adjoining Diocese, have been called to give an account of their stewardships, to the great Shepherd and Bishop of souls. Within the same period, two distinguished *Fathers* of our Church have been withdrawn, who had stood foremost among the defenders of her principles, and the promoters of her interests; and whose loss will be felt in every Diocese in the Union. The death of one of these lamented Fathers, comes peculiarly near to us. His animating Visitations to our Churches, during the vacancy in the Episcopate of this Diocese, and the disinterested services he then performed, will long be held in grateful remembrance.—Most of you were personally acquainted with him—have enjoyed his hospitality, participated in his friendship, and admired his private

virtues. And you have all been witnesses of the zeal, the ability, and the success with which he devoted himself to the duties of his sacred office. While we cherish the memory of his private virtues, and his eminent services to the Church, let us be admonished by his death, to prepare for our own departure. Let us cultivate a deep sense of our accountability to God. Let us humble ourselves under the consciousness of our numerous defects and frailties. Let us supplicate the aids of Divine Grace, to assist us in the performance of our sacred duties. Let us devote all our powers to bring our fellow-men into the way of salvation by Jesus Christ;—and may we ourselves be saved by his atoning blood.

THOMAS CHURCH BROWNELL.

Hartford, June 1, 1831.

The following amended Constitution of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, which was proposed for adoption at the last Convention, and laid over for the consideration of this, was read, and, on motion adopted unanimously.

**ART. 1.** This Society shall be called "*THE CONNECTICUT PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.*"

**ART. 2.** The Bishop of the Diocese shall be, *ex officio*, President of the Society; and the Bishop and the Standing Committee shall constitute the Board of Directors. The Secretary of the Standing Committee shall be the Secretary and Treasurer of the Society.

**ART. 3.** The Board shall meet as often as the interests of the Society may require; and may take such measures as they may think expedient, to obtain funds. They shall employ Missionaries within the Diocese; and may cause to be procured and distributed or sold Bibles, Prayer Books, and Religious Tracts, in such manner as they may think proper.

**ART. 4.** The Secretary shall keep a register of the names of the members and donors, with the amount of their contributions; and a record of the collections made in congregations or by Auxiliary Societies.

**ART. 5.** All monies received for the benefit of the Society, shall be subject to the order of the Board, and shall be by them appropriated to the purposes specified in Article 3.

**ART. 6.** Persons contributing one dollar annually shall be members of the Society: those who contribute five dollars at one time shall be members for life; and those who contribute twenty dollars shall be patrons.

**ART. 7.** There shall be divine service, and a sermon, or addresses, delivered at every annual session of the Convention, and a collection made for the benefit of the Society.

**ART. 8.** The Board shall make an annual report of their proceedings to the Convention; and the Treasurer shall also make a report

of the state of the funds, which reports, or so much of them as the Convention may direct, shall be entered on the Journals.

**ART. 9.** No alteration shall be made in this Constitution, without having been proposed to the Convention, at least one day before it is acted upon; and the Convention alone shall have power to make alterations.

The report of the Treasurer of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, was read and accepted. (*See Appendix, No. 2.*)

The Parochial Reports required by the 45th Canon of the General Convention of 1808, were then handed in and read.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of this Convention be the Treasurer of the Convention Fund.

The following report of the proceedings of the Standing Committee, was presented and read :

*Abstract of the proceedings of the Standing Committee, between the Conventions of 1830 and 1831.*

NEW-HAVEN, June 2, 1830.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee, composed of the following gentlemen: the Rev. Messrs. Croswell, Wheaton, Sherwood, Judd, and Humphreys; the Rev. N. S. Wheaton was chosen Secretary. Adjourned.

NEW-HAVEN, June 3d.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee—all the members being present—testimonials were presented by David G. Tomlinson; on which he was recommended to the Bishop to be received as a candidate for holy orders. Adjourned.

HARTFORD, August 3.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee—present, the Rev. Messrs. Croswell, Wheaton, Sherwood, and Humphreys—Charles W. Bradley presented the usual testimonials, and was recommended to receive the holy order of Deacons; and Thomas J. Davis was recommended to be admitted as a candidate.

The chairman laid before the Committee, the documents required by the canons, relative to the election of the Rev. William M. Stone to be Bishop of the Diocese of Maryland: whereupon the usual certificate was signed by all the members present, and directed to be forwarded to the President of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Maryland. Adjourned.

HARTFORD, August 4th.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee—present, the Rev. Messrs. Croswell, Wheaton, Sherwood, and Judd—Edward Jones and Gustavus V. Cæsar, pupils of the African Mission School, presented their testimonials, and were examined by the Committee. Adjourned.

HARTFORD, August 5th.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee.—present, the Rev. Messrs. Wheaton, Sherwood, Humphreys, and Judd—Edward Jones and Gustavus V. Cæsar, were recommended to the Bishop to receive the holy order of Deacons, to be employed as missionaries in Africa.

Gurdon S. Coit presented the testimonials required by the canons, and was recommended to the Bishop as worthy to receive the holy order of Deacons. Adjourned.

HARTFORD, Sept. 3d.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee.—present, the Rev. Messrs. Wheaton, Sherwood, and Humphreys—Samuel S. Lewis and Augustus F. Lyde, graduates of Washington College, were recommended as worthy of being admitted as candidates, on the personal knowledge of the Committee, and testimonials laid before them. Adjourned.

HARTFORD, Sept. 29th.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee.—present, the Rev. Messrs. Wheaton, Sherwood, and Humphreys—Caleb S. Ives, a graduate of Washington College, was recommended as a candidate for Holy Orders, on the personal knowledge of the Committee, and testimonials laid before them.

John Morgan, also a graduate of Washington College, was recommended to receive the Holy Order of Deacons, the canonical testimonials having been presented. Adjourned.

MIDDLETOWN, Nov. 17.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee.—present, the Rev. Messrs. Croswell, Wheaton, Sherwood, and Humphreys—the canonical testimonials of the election of the Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, D. D. to the Episcopate of the Diocese of New-York, having been submitted to them, together with the certificate of said Diocese expressing the wish that he should be consecrated to the Episcopal Office; the certificate required by the canon, was signed by all the members present.

The Standing Committee having been appointed by the Bishop, examiners of Fitch W. Taylor, a candidate for Holy Orders, examined him on the course of studies prescribed by the House of Bishops.

George Jones, a candidate for Holy Orders, presented testimonials of his examinations, and was further examined by the Bishop, in the presence of the Standing Committee. Adjourned to meet the next morning.

MIDDLETOWN, Nov. 18th.

The Standing Committee met according to adjournment, the same Members being present. They recommended to Mr. Jones, a further examination of the subject of Ecclesiastical Polity, according to the course of studies prescribed by the House of Bishops; and

to Mr. Taylor, a further inquiry into the same subject, together with that of Systematic Divinity, in conformity to the prescribed course.

James A. Bolles, Isaac Smith, and Samuel Starr, graduates of Washington College, were recommended to be received as candidates for Holy Orders, satisfactory testimonials of their fitness having been offered, and the candidates being personally known to some of the members of the Committee. Adjourned.

NEW-HAVEN, Jan. 11, 1831.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee—present, the Rev. Messrs. Croswell, Wheaton, and Humphreys.

George Jones was again examined on the subject of Ecclesiastical Polity, and recommended to the Bishop to receive the Holy Order of Deacons.

Levi H. Corson, having presented the requisite testimonials, was recommended to receive the Holy Order of Deacons.

John D. Smith was recommended to be received as a candidate. Adjourned.

HARTFORD, May 31.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee—present, Rev. Messrs. Croswell, Wheaton, and Judd.

James C. Richmond was recommended to be received as a candidate for Holy Orders, on testimonials laid before them.

Joseph Scott was examined by the Bishop, in the presence of the Standing Committee. Adjourned.

HARTFORD, June 1st.

The Standing Committee met again—present the same Members as before.

Joseph Scott, having submitted testimonials, agreeably to the requirement of the canons, was recommended to the Bishop to receive the Holy Order of Deacons. Adjourned.

A true copy from Record,

N. S. WHEATON,

*Secretary of the Standing Committee.*

The Convention adjourned, to meet at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

CHRIST CHURCH, THURSDAY, June 2d.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Prayers were read by the Secretary.

The minutes of the proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

Mr. Horace F. Lockwood, who had been duly elected to represent the Parish of New-Milford, but had not furnished himself with the required certificate of his election, was, on motion, admitted to a seat in Convention.

The subject of the Bishop's Fund was, on motion, taken up by the

Convention, and after some discussion, was deferred till 2 o'clock this afternoon.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Rev. Mr. Hull, for his Sermon preached at the opening of this Convention; and to the Rev. Mr. Jarvis, for his Sermon preached last evening, in behalf of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge.

*Resolved*, That a Committee of two be appointed, to ascertain what Parishes are delinquent in their contributions to the Convention Fund. Mr. Goodwin and Mr. Adams were accordingly appointed.

On motion, *Resolved*, That this Convention proceed to the election of the Standing Committee for the ensuing year. Whereupon, the following gentlemen were elected, viz :

The Rev. HARRY CROSWELL,  
 “ “ NATHANIEL S. WHEATON,  
 “ “ BETHEL JUDD,  
 “ “ WILLIAM JARVIS,  
 “ “ HORATIO POTTER.

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to inquire into any delinquencies in the collections for the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, and to report to this Convention.

On motion, the above resolution was referred to the Committee appointed on the Convention Fund, to report thereon.

*Resolved*, That this Convention now proceed to elect, by ballot, a Principal of the Episcopal Academy of the State of Connecticut, established at Cheshire: Whereupon the Rev. CHRISTIAN F. CRUSE was unanimously elected.

The following resolution having been introduced and read, the same was approved, and ordered to lie over for the consideration of the next Annual Convention :

*Resolved*, That in the 1st Article of the Constitution of this Diocese, the words, “the first Wednesday of June,” be stricken out, and the words “the second Tuesday of October” be substituted in their place.

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to prepare an abstract of the Parochial reports for publication in the Journal. The Secretary and the Rev. Mr. Judd were appointed that Committee.

The following resolution was adopted unanimously.

*Resolved*, That this Convention cordially approves of the great objects of the American Colonization Society, and recommends to the Reverend Clergy of this Diocese to bring the subject before their respective congregations, on or near the Anniversary of our National Independence, and, at the same time, to take up contributions in aid of its funds.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Bishop's fund be admitted to



a seat in this Convention. The Convention adjourned until 2 o'clock, this afternoon.

CHRIST CHURCH, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The Rev. Mr. Burhans, in the absence of the Bishop, took the Chair.

Mr. Sigourney at the request of the Convention, presented and read his report, as Treasurer of the Bishop's fund, and made a verbal statement in relation to it.

The following preamble and resolutions were then passed :—

Whereas, it is highly desirable that this Diocese should have the benefit of the undivided labors of its Diocesan, and particularly so at the present time, when many of the Parishes are destitute of settled ministers. Therefore

*Resolved*, by this Convention, that while they bear in grateful remembrance the important services rendered to the Church at large, by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Brownell, in founding and raising up Washington College, to its present state of prosperity and usefulness, they do also express the earnest hope that he will devote his labors exclusively to the pastoral care of the Diocese, as soon as a suitable gentleman can be provided to fill the office of President of the Institution, and a competent support for the Bishop shall have been provided by the Diocese.

*Resolved*, That Messrs. Beach, Huntington and Boardman be a Committee to wait on the Bishop with the foregoing resolution, and to report his decision to this Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Burhans asked and obtained leave of absence, for himself and Mr. Charles Jarvis, for the remainder of the session.

The Rev. Mr. Judd took the Chair. The Committee appointed to wait on the Bishop, having performed their duty, reported that he would shortly make a communication to this Convention.

The following resolutions were offered, and adopted unanimously :

*Resolved*, That a Committee of five laymen be appointed to inquire, and to report to the next Annual Convention, what sum, if any, is due to the Rt. Rev. Bishop Brownell, according to the terms of the contract made with him at the time he accepted of the Episcopate.

2. *Resolved*, That the same Committee be empowered to collect the amount due to the Bishop's Fund, from any parish in this Diocese, according to the assessment made in the year 1813 : or to compound the same for such sum paid or secured, as they shall think reasonable.

3. *Resolved*, That the same Committee devise and report a plan for immediately increasing the salary of the Bishop to the sum of eighteen hundred dollars per annum. His Excellency, Gov. Peters, C. Sigourney, R. Adams, B. Beach and R. I. Ingersoll were appointed that Committee.

Leave of absence for the remainder of the session, was granted to the Rev. Mr. Smith.

The following communication was received from the Bishop, and, on motion, was ordered to be recorded on the Journal of the Convention.

*To the Convention of the Diocese of Connecticut.*

BRETHREN :

I have received your communication, by the hands of Messrs. Beach, Huntington, and Boardman, your Committee, expressive of your desire that I should withdraw from the active charge of Washington College, and devote my labors exclusively to the pastoral care of the Diocese, as soon as a suitable person can be obtained to take the charge of the Institution, and a competent provision shall have been made for the support of my family.

I feel very grateful to the Convention for the kind manner in which they have been pleased to speak of my labors, and entirely concur with them in regard to the expediency of devoting myself exclusively to the charge of the Diocese, so soon as the contemplated provision shall have been made.

THOMAS C. BROWNELL.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be requested to write to the vestries of those Parishes which have neglected to pay their assessment to the Convention fund, and urge their compliance with the resolution of the Convention.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the delinquencies in the collections for the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, reported the following resolution which, on motion, was adopted :

*Resolved*, That this Convention again recommend to every parish in this Diocese, the establishment of a Society auxiliary to the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, and that it be the duty of every Minister to promote the same, by aiding the members of his congregation in such establishment without delay ; or in those parishes that are too small to form societies, to take up annual contributions for said object.

The same Committee reported that 32 parishes had paid their assessments to the Convention Fund (*see Appendix No. 3*) ; that 24 had not paid their assessment for the last three years (*see page 29*) ; 7 for the last two years (*see page 29*) ; and thirteen for the last year, (*see page 29*.)

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Convention, with the advice and consent of the Bishop, be requested to prepare blanks for parochial reports for publication ; and that the several clergymen of the diocese be requested to give to the next Convention, such other information in relation to their several Parishes, as they may think expedient—and that the Bishop be authorized to select such portions of the miscellaneous information, as may be useful to be published in the Journals.

*Resolved*, That when this Convention adjourns, it will adjourn to meet at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The Rev. Mr. Beach and the Rev. Mr. Holcomb applied for, and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The Convention adjourned.

CHRIST CHURCH, June 3, 1831.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were read by the Secretary. The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Leave of absence was granted for the remainder of the session to the Rev. Mr. Croswell, and to Messrs. Boardman and Huggins.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Secretary and Assistant Secretary for their services during its session.

*Resolved*, That the Bishop and the Standing Committee be requested to take into consideration the expediency of establishing a self-supporting school in this Diocese; and, if found expedient, to devise and report a plan for the same, to the next annual Convention.

*Resolved*, That this Convention adjourn, after the customary acts of devotion. The members united in singing the last four verses of the 122d Psalm: appropriate collects and prayers from the Liturgy, were read by the Bishop; who closed the exercises with the benediction, and the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

THOMAS C. BROWNELL, D. D., LL. D.,  
*Bishop of the Diocese of Connecticut, President.*

WILLIAM JARVIS, *Secretary.*



# APPENDIX.

(No 1.)

## ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS, JUNE 1, 1831.

| TOWNS.          | CHURCHES.       | RECTORS.        | Families. | Confirmed. | New Com. | Total Com. | Marriages. | S. S. Schol. | S. S. Teach. | Bapt'isms. |        |    | Funerals. |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|------------|----------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------|----|-----------|
|                 |                 |                 |           |            |          |            |            |              | Infants.     | Adults.    | Total. |    |           |
| Hartford,       | Christ,         | N. S. Wheaton   | 177       | 32         | 220      | 6          | 174        | 31           | 37           | 10         | 47     | 26 |           |
| Tariffville,    | St. Andrews,    | R. Warner,      | 67        |            | 51       | 3          | 70         |              |              |            | 12     | 35 |           |
| Hitchcocksville | Union,          |                 | 23        | 15         |          | 2          |            |              | 6            | 2          | 8      | 7  |           |
| Glastenbury,    | St. Luke's,     | S. Fuller, jun. | 67        |            | 50       |            |            |              |              |            |        |    |           |
| New Haven,      | Trinity,        | { H. Croswell,  |           |            | 50       | 500        | 7          |              |              | 44         | 7      | 51 | 68        |
|                 | St. Paul's chap | { J. S. Stone,  |           |            |          |            |            |              |              |            |        |    |           |
| Waterbury,      | St. John's,     | W. Barlow,      | 103       | 7          | 102      | 13         | 88         | 22           |              |            | 14     | 18 |           |
| Cheshire,       | St. Peter's,    | C. F. Cruse',   |           |            | 80       |            | 30         |              |              |            | 7      | 12 |           |
| Hamden,         | Grace,          |                 | 36        |            |          |            |            |              |              |            |        |    |           |
| Meriden,        | St. Andrew's }  | J. Keeler,      | 20        | 7          | 90       | 6          |            |              | 11           | 1          | 12     | 3  |           |
| Southington,    | Trinity,        |                 | 15        | 3          | 20       |            |            |              |              |            | 1      | 2  |           |
| Milford,        | St. George's,   |                 |           | 1          | 24       |            |            |              |              |            |        | 3  |           |
| Derby,          | St. James' }    |                 |           |            |          |            |            |              |              |            |        |    |           |
| Humphr'ysville  | Union,          | S. Jewett,      |           | 25         | 231      | 16         | 160        |              |              |            | 34     | 9  |           |
| Fairfield,      | Trinity,        |                 |           |            |          |            |            |              |              |            |        |    |           |
| Stamford,       | St. John's,     | C. Smith,       | 70        | 24         | 21       | 97         | 2          |              | 21           | 4          | 25     | 9  |           |
| Reading,        | Christ,         | A. S. Todd,     |           |            | 120      | 7          |            |              | 15           | 2          | 17     | 10 |           |
| Danbury,        | St. James' }    | L. B. Hull,     | 65        |            | 50       | 4          | 50         |              |              |            | 3      | 2  |           |
| Bridgeport,     | St. John's,     |                 | 60        |            | 40       | 2          | 62         |              |              |            | 4      | 4  |           |
| Stratford,      | St. John's,     | H. R. Judah,    |           |            | 150      | 2          | 150        |              | 19           | 2          | 21     | 24 |           |
|                 | Christ,         | G.C. Shepherd,  |           | 2          | 3        |            |            |              | 5            | 1          | 6      | 11 |           |
| Newtown,        | St. James',     | D. Burhans,     | 50        | 5          | 48       |            |            |              |              |            | 5      | 3  |           |
| Roxbury,        |                 |                 |           | 4          | 45       | 1          |            |              | 5            |            | 5      | 3  |           |
| Woodbury,       | St. John's,     |                 |           |            |          |            |            |              | 12           | 1          | 13     | 5  |           |
| Wallingford,    | St. Paul's,     |                 | 37        |            | 40       | 4          | 31         |              |              |            |        |    |           |
| North Haven,    | Trinity,        |                 | 40        |            | 39       | 3          | 38         |              |              |            | 5      | 4  |           |
| Guilford,       | Christ,         |                 |           |            | 54       | 5          | 45         |              |              |            | 8      | 8  |           |
| North Guilford, | St. John's, }   | D. Baldwin,     |           |            | 34       | 1          | 20         |              | 4            | 2          | 6      | 2  |           |
| Branford,       | Trinity,        |                 |           |            |          |            |            |              |              |            |        |    |           |
| Northford,      | St. Michael's } | E. J. Ives,     |           |            | 25       | 114        | 4          | 110          |              |            | 42     |    |           |
| East-Haven,     | Christ,         |                 |           |            |          |            |            |              |              |            |        |    |           |
| Norwich,        | Christ,         | S. B. Paddock,  | 140       | 51         | 15       | 133        | 4          | 190          | 32           | 12         | 12     | 24 | 10        |
| Pomfret,        | Christ,         |                 | 27        |            | 3        | 20         | 2          |              |              | 3          | 5      | 8  | 2         |
| Brooklyn,       | Trinity,        | F. B. Kellogg,  | 36        |            | 14       | 41         |            | 61           | 12           | 10         | 3      | 13 | 4         |
| Middletown,     | Christ,         |                 |           |            | 2        | 92         | 1          |              |              | 2          | 1      | 3  |           |
| East-Haddam,    | St. Stephen's } | G. Jones,       | 100       |            | 7        | 76         | 4          | 80           |              | 8          | 1      | 9  | 5         |
| Salem,          | Christ,         | P. G. Clark,    | 30        |            |          | 15         |            | 30           | 6            |            |        |    |           |

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|              |               |                |           |            |          |            |            |              |              | Infants.             | Adults. | Total. |           |
| Chatham,     | Trinity,      | W. Jarvis,     | 141       |            | 15       | 77         | 9          | 18           | 30           | 11                   |         | 11     | 7         |
| Litchfield,  | St Michael's, | W. Lucas,      | 116       |            | 10       | 69         | 15         | 130          | 30           | 24                   | 2       | 26     | 18        |
| New-Preston, | St. Andrew's, | H. S. Atwater, | 68        |            | 2        | 64         | 1          | 70           | 14           | 3                    |         | 3      | 4         |
| Plymouth,    | St. Peter's,  | G. S. Coit,    | 95        |            |          | 110        | 3          | 82           |              |                      |         |        |           |
| New-Milford  | St. John's,   | E. Huntington, |           |            | 12       |            | 6          | 50           | 10           | 4                    | 1       | 5      | 13        |
| Salisbury,   | St. John's,   | S. Beach,      |           |            | 4        | 25         | 4          | 60           | 9            | 2                    | 1       | 3      | 8         |
| Canaan,      | Grace,        |                |           |            | 5        | 16         | 1          |              |              | 1                    |         | 1      |           |
| Sharon,      | St. Paul's    |                |           |            |          |            |            |              |              |                      |         |        |           |
| Kent,        | St. John's    | G. B. Andrews, | 136       |            | 12       | 102        | 6          | 80           | 12           |                      |         | 3      | 13        |
| Brookfield,  | St. Paul's,   | J. S. Covell,  | 88        | 26         | 6        | 33         | 12         | 55           | 9            |                      |         | 8      | 3         |
| Bridgewater, | St. Mark's,   |                | 25        |            |          | 22         | 2          |              |              | 2                    |         | 2      | 2         |
| Monroe,      | St. Peter's,  | R. Rossiter,   |           |            | 2        | 34         | 4          |              |              | 5                    | 1       | 6      | 7         |
| Trumbull,    | Christ,       |                |           |            | 2        | 59         | 1          |              |              | 6                    | 1       | 7      | 5         |
| Canterbury,  | St. Thomas,   | J. Kemper,     | 18        |            |          |            |            |              |              |                      |         |        |           |
| Norwalk,     | St. Paul's,   |                |           | 17         | 7        | 185        | 6          |              |              | 10                   | 4       | 14     | 7*        |
| Saybrook,    | St. John's,   | A. Steele,     | 40        | 8          | 6        | 35         |            | 35           | 10           | 4                    | 1       | 5      | 5         |
|              | Grace,        |                | 20        |            |          | 10         | 2          | 24           | 6            |                      |         | 3      | 1         |
| Newtown,     | Trinity,      |                |           |            |          | 250        | 7          |              |              |                      |         | 15     | 8†        |

\* Reported by the Rev. Mr. Atwater for the first six months of the year past.

† For six months—reported by Rev. D. Burhans.

NOTE.—Reports, most of them defective, were received from 51 Parishes; while from 32 parishes, in union with the Convention, no reports were presented.

(No. 2.)

*The Episcopal Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, in  
account with William M'Crackan, . . . . . DR.*

| 1830.    |  | dols.        | cs        |
|----------|--|--------------|-----------|
| June 3.  | To cash paid Rev. Ezra B. Kellogg,   | 150          | 00        |
|          | do. Rev. Ashbel Steele,  | 25           | 00        |
| July 2.  | do. postage,   | 10           |           |
| 28.      | do. Rev. Ashbel Steele,  | 50           | 00        |
| Aug. 14  | do. order to Jesse Ives, to pay for Missionary services at Hitchcocksville,              | 40           | 00        |
| Oct. 27. | do. Rev. H. Humphreys, for Rev. Wm. Croswell.  | 100          | 00        |
| 29.      | do. Rev. Stephen Beach,  | 30           | 00        |
| 1831.    |  |              |           |
| Jan. 14  | do. do.  | 60           | 00        |
| May 30   | To balance due from Wm. M'Crackan,   | 223          | 46        |
|          |  | <u>\$223</u> | <u>46</u> |
| 1829.    |  | dols.        | cs        |
| June 2.  | By balance due from Wm. M'Crackan,   | 274          | 48        |
|          | " cash from North Guilford,  | 3            | 47        |
|          | do Plymouth,   | 4            | 08        |
|          | do Norwich,  | 46           | 36        |
|          | do Stratford,  | 11           | 00        |
|          | do Wilton,   | 6            | 00        |
|          | do Humphreysville,   | 2            | 76        |
|          | do Trumbull,   | 2            | 50        |
|          | do Monroe,   | 2            | 00        |
| June 3.  | do Hamden,   | 1            | 50        |
|          | do East Haddam,  | 3            | 00        |
|          | do Killingworth,   | 2            | 50        |
|          | do Guilford,   | 5            | 80        |
|          | do Wallingford,  | 2            | 00        |
|          | do North Haven,  | 1            | 00        |
|          | do Christ Church, Hartford,  | 27           | 48        |
|          | do Auxiliary Society at do.  | 75           | 69        |
|          | By cash collected during sitting of Convention at N. Haven,                              | 45           | 88        |
|          | " cash from Chatham,   | 12           | 00        |
|          | do New Preston,  | 6            | 00        |
|          | do Glastenbury,  | 3            | 77        |
|          | do Watertown,  | 4            | 00        |
|          | By cash, being donation from New Haven Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, | 50           | 00        |
|          | By cash from Essex Borough,  | 5            | 50        |
| 30.      | do Derby,  | 6            | 59        |
| July 6.  | do Doct. Hooker,   | 50           |           |
| 24.      | do Uriah Tracy, Esq. of Norwich,   | 3            | 00        |
| Oct. 12  | do Charles W. Bradley, interest on note,   | 3            | 00        |
| Nov. 19  | do New Canaan,   | 8            | 00        |
| 1831.    |  |              |           |
| Jan. 31  | By interest on account,  | 10           | 00        |
| Feb. 20  | By cash of Mr. Thomas Hull,  | 1            | 00        |
| May 25   | do collected in Trinity Church and St. Paul's Chapel, New Haven,                         | 47           | 71        |
|          |  | <u>\$678</u> | <u>56</u> |
| May 30.  | By balance due from Wm. M'Crackan,   | <u>\$223</u> | <u>46</u> |

## (No. 3.)

*The Convention Fund in account with William Jarvis,* DR.

|         |  | dols.       | cs        |
|---------|--|-------------|-----------|
| 1830.   |  |             |           |
| June 3. | To cash paid the Fund, credited by mistake to Fairfield, | 2           | 25        |
| July 9. | " due Wm. Jarvis, balance from last year,                | 17          | 12        |
| 1831.   |  |             |           |
| June 18 | " paid W. D. Starr's bill for printing Journal of Con-   | 31          | 28        |
|         | vention, 1831.   |             |           |
|         | " " for paper, &c. and doing up Journals,                | 1           | 00        |
|         | " amount due Rev. Mr. Sherwood, paid by him to the       |             |           |
|         | General Convention Fund,                                 | 12          | 00        |
|         |  | <u>\$63</u> | <u>65</u> |

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|         |                                  | dols.       | cs        |
|---------|----------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| 1831.   |                                  |             |           |
| June 2. | By Cash, received at Convention, |             |           |
|         | from New-Haven,                  | 12          | 00        |
|         | Norwich,                         | 3           | 00        |
|         | Southington,                     |             | 50        |
|         | Middletown,                      | 3           | 50        |
|         | Waterbury,                       | 3           | 00        |
|         | New-London,                      | 3           | 00        |
|         | Danbury and Reading,             | 2           | 50        |
|         | East Haddam,                     | 1           | 00        |
|         | Hamden,                          | 1           | 00        |
|         | Glastenbury,                     | 1           | 50        |
|         | New Preston,                     | 1           | 66        |
|         | North Killingworth,              |             | 50        |
|         | Plymouth, (St. Peter's,)         | 2           | 50        |
|         | do. (St. Matthew's,)             |             | 75        |
|         | Salisbury,                       | 1           | 44        |
|         | New-Milford,                     | 2           | 50        |
|         | Watertown,                       | 1           | 50        |
|         | Monroe and Trumbull,             | 2           | 50        |
|         | Derby and Humpbreysville,        | 2           | 50        |
|         | Essex,                           |             | 50        |
|         | Cheshire,                        | 1           | 00        |
|         | Sharon,                          | 1           | 00        |
|         | Guilford and North Guilford,     | 2           | 00        |
|         | Brooklyn and Pomfret,            | 1           | 30        |
|         | Hartford,                        | 5           | 00        |
|         | Hebron,                          | 2           | 00        |
|         | Meriden,                         | 1           | 00        |
|         | Chatham,                         | 3           | 00        |
|         |                                  | <u>\$63</u> | <u>65</u> |



The following Parishes have not made the contributions to the Convention Fund, as required by a resolution of the Convention, for the last three years.

St. Michael's Church, Litchfield.  
 — Church, Bradleyville.  
 — Church, Milton.  
 Trinity Church, Branford.  
 — Church, North Branford.  
 Christ Church, East Haven.  
 St. Michael's Church, Northford.  
 — Church, West Haven.  
 St. Peter's Church, }  
 Christ Church, } Oxford.  
 Christ Church, Woodbridge.  
 — Church, Salem.  
 Christ Church, Middle-Haddam.  
 — Church, Weston.  
 — Church, New Canaan.  
 St. John's Church, Kent.  
 — Church, Bridgewater.  
 — Church, Roxbury.  
 — Church, Bethlehem.  
 — Church, Canaan.  
 — Church, Cornwall.  
 — Church, Goshen.  
 — Church, Northfield.  
 St. John's Church, Barkhamstead.

The following Parishes have not made the contributions to the Convention Fund, for the last two years.

Trinity Church, Newtown.  
 Trinity Church, Fairfield.  
 St. Paul's Church, Norwalk.  
 St. Peter's Church, Granby.  
 St. John's Church, Woodbury.  
 St. Andrew's Church, Simsbury.  
 — Church, Washington.  
 St. John's Church, East Windsor.

The following Parishes have not made the contributions to the Convention Fund, for the last year.

Christ Church, Stratford.  
 St. John's Church, Bridgeport.  
 St. John's Church, Stamford.  
 St. Matthew's Church, Wilton.  
 St. Matthew's Church, Ridgefield.  
 St. James' Church, Newtown.  
 St. Paul's Church, Brookfield.  
 St. Paul's Church, Huntington.  
 St. Paul's Church, Wallingford.  
 Trinity Church, North Haven.  
 Christ Church, Salem.  
 St. James' Church, Preston.  
 Union Church, Hitchcockville.

**CANONS OF THE  
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,  
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**CANON I.—***Concerning Parochial Registers and Reports. (Passed 1826, amended 1830.)*

In order to give effect to the 40th Canon of the General Convention, it is hereby required, that every minister of this Church shall keep a record of all the Baptisms, Marriages, and Funerals solemnized by him, specifying the name of the parties married, the names of the persons baptized, and of the persons buried, and the time when each rite was performed. He shall also keep a Register of the names of the persons confirmed, of the Communicants, and of the Families belonging to his parish, which documents shall be deposited with the Clerk, in case of his removal from the Parish. And it shall be the duty of every minister to report to the Annual Convention, an abstract of said registers, together with a written account of the state of the parish.

**CANON II.—***Providing for the Convention Fund. (1825.)*

The several Parishes in this Diocese shall annually pay to the Convention Fund, at the rate of fifty cents on every one hundred dollars paid to their respective clergymen, as their annual salary.

**CANON III.—***Declaring the offences, for which a Clergyman may be brought to trial. (1825.)*

Disorderly and immoral conduct, vicious or unseemly diversions, neglect of duty, disregard to the constitution and canons of the General or State Convention, a deviation from the rubrics, and disseminating or countenancing opinions which are contrary to the doctrines of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, are offences for which a clergyman may be brought to trial.

**CANON IV.—***Of the manner in which a Clergyman shall be brought to trial. (1825.)*

In order to bring a Clergyman to trial before an ecclesiastical court, a charge shall be made in the first place to the Standing Committee, in writing, under the proper signature of at least two persons, one of whom shall be a presbyter of this Diocese. And if the Standing Committee shall deem the offence charged, as coming within the offences enumerated in the canons of the Diocese of Connecticut, or of the General Convention, they shall present the same to the Bishop, in the following form :

*To A. B. Bishop of the State of Connecticut :*

The Standing Committee of this Diocese respectfully represent, that C. D. has been accused, under the hand of E. F. and G. H. of [here recite the charge or charges,] and the Committee are of opin-

ion, that there is sufficient ground for presenting the said C. D. for trial, agreeably to the canons in such case made and provided.

[Signed by the Standing Committee.]

Whereupon the Bishop shall summon nine presbyters to meet, at some time, not within ninety days, at some place within the county where the accused shall reside or officiate, for the time being: five of whom shall be sufficient to constitute a court for the trial of the charge or charges. If more than five of the persons summoned shall appear, the accused may object to any individual over that number, at his own discretion. If no objection be made, the whole number present shall sit on the trial.

The Bishop shall forthwith give notice to the Standing Committee, of the time and place of the meeting of the court. And the Standing Committee shall act as prosecutors in the case; and at least sixty days before the trial, shall furnish the accused with a copy of the presentment—notice of the time and place of trial—and a specification of the facts on which they expect to maintain the charges.—And the accused, at least thirty days before the trial, shall furnish the Standing Committee with a statement of the grounds of his defence, on each specification.

At the time fixed for the trial, the members of the court shall choose a President from their own number, and a Secretary, either from their own number or otherwise, as they shall see fit; and they shall, before they proceed, adopt and declare the rules by which the trial shall be conducted: Provided, however, that no layman shall advocate for either party on the trial; though both parties may, at their option, employ or consult legal or other advisers.

If the accused shall neglect or refuse to appear, or to answer to the charges in the manner herein prescribed, the court shall order judgment to be entered against him by default. But if he shall appear, the court shall proceed to a fair and impartial hearing of the whole matter, and shall adjudge him *guilty* or *not guilty*, according to the evidence: and if guilty, the sentence which, in their opinion, ought to be pronounced.

The Secretary shall keep a record of all the proceedings—containing a copy of the presentment—of the specifications—of the notice to the accused, and of his answer—with a statement of all the evidence, both oral and written—and the final judgment of the court: And an attested copy of this record shall be forthwith delivered to the Bishop. If the judgment be, *not guilty*, the Bishop shall give a certificate of *acquittal* to the accused, embracing a copy of the presentment and specifications; and the accused shall not be subjected to a second trial on the same facts. If the court judge him *guilty*, on one or more points at issue, the Bishop may disapprove the judgment, and order a new trial, stating his grounds for such decision: or he may approve the judgment; and in that case he shall, within thirty days, proceed to such ecclesiastical censure, as the case may, in his opinion, require—whether it be admonition, suspension, or deposition from the ministry.

**CANON V.**—*Concerning the manner in which Clergymen are to take charge of Parishes, and their separation from them.* (1826.)

No clergyman shall take the charge of any parish in this Diocese, without having first obtained the written permission of the Bishop, or in case there be no Bishop, of the Standing Committee of the Diocese. Nor shall any clergyman having the charge of a parish, relinquish the same without the written permission of the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, of the Standing Committee. And every violation of this Canon shall constitute an offence for which a clergyman may be tried under the canon of 1825, providing for the trial of clergymen.

**CANON VI.**—*Providing for the preservation of the records of the Standing Committee.* (1826.)

It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Standing Committee, to prepare an abstract of their proceedings, from year to year, and present the same to the Convention at its annual meeting. The abstract shall specify the time and place of each meeting of the committee, during the year—the number present—the names of the candidates presented for admission, with the decision of the committee in each case—and the substance of all other matters which shall be brought before them, and such abstract shall be entered on the journals of the Convention, and published therewith.

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It shall be the duty of the Rector and Wardens, or of the Wardens where there is no Rector, of every parish in the Diocese, to make an annual collection for the benefit of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge.

**CANON VIII.**—*For the regulation and maintenance of Cures.* (1828.)

It shall be the duty of the Convention, from time to time, to examine and declare the limits of the several cures within the Diocese—and in the settlement and maintenance of clergymen, the several parishes shall steadily adhere to such arrangement, except in cases of imperious necessity, and with the advice and consent of the ecclesiastical authority.—And any parish refusing to acquiesce in such arrangement, shall, while such refusal continues, be thereby excluded from representation in the Convention. And further, no clergyman of this Diocese shall accept a settlement in any of the Parishes in this State which may refuse to acquiesce in the arrangement of the Convention as to cures, unless for special causes, it may seem good to the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese to dispense with the provisions of this canon.

**CANON IX.**—*Concerning Annual Parish Meetings.* (1830.)

There shall be an annual meeting of the parishioners of every parish in this Diocese, on Easter Monday, or on some other day legally appointed, for the purpose of electing the Wardens and Vestry, and of transacting such other business as may come before said meeting: which Wardens and Vestry shall constitute the Society's Committee, agreeably to the provisions of the Statute.

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It shall be the duty of the Convention, from time to time, to examine and declare the limits of the several cures within the Diocese—and in the settlement and maintenance of clergymen, the several parishes shall steadily adhere to such arrangement, except in cases of imperious necessity, and with the advice and consent of the ecclesiastical authority.—And any parish refusing to acquiesce in such arrangement, shall, while such refusal continues, be thereby excluded from representation in the Convention. And further, no clergyman of this Diocese shall accept a settlement in any of the Parishes in this State which may refuse to acquiesce in the arrangement of the Convention as to cures, unless for special causes, it may seem good to the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese to dispense with the provisions of this canon.

**CANON IX.—***Concerning Annual Parish Meetings. (1830.)*

There shall be an annual meeting of the parishioners of every parish in this Diocese, on Easter Monday, or on some other day legally appointed, for the purpose of electing the Wardens and Vestry, and of transacting such other business as may come before said meeting: which Wardens and Vestry shall constitute the Society's Committee, agreeably to the provisions of the Statute.

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ATTEMPTED CONVENTIONS,

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CHATHAM, *Oct. 9th*, 1832.

This being the day appointed by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Connecticut for the meeting of the Convention of said Church, the Rt. Rev. T. C. Brownell, D.D., LL.D., the Bishop of the Diocese, and several Clergymen and Lay Delegates attended in Trinity Church, Chatham, at  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 10 o'clock A. M.

Morning Prayers were read by the Rev. Frederick Holcomb, Rector of Christ Church, Watertown, and the sermon delivered by the Rev. Charles Smith, Rector of St. John's Church, Fairfield.

After Divine Service, the Bishop took the chair, and the Convention was called to order.

A list of the Clergy entitled to seats was called over by the Secretary, and the following answered to their names:

The Rt. Rev. T. C. Brownell, D.D., LL.D.

|                      |                         |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Rev. David Baldwin.  | Rev. Allen C. Morgan.   |
| “ Wm. Barlow.        | “ Smith Pyne.           |
| “ Peter G. Clark.    | “ Charles Smith.        |
| “ Asa Cornwall.      | “ Hugh Smith.           |
| “ Robert A. Hallam.  | “ Ashbel Steele.        |
| “ Alpheus Geer.      | “ David G. Tomlinson.   |
| “ John M. Guion.     | “ Ransom Warner.        |
| “ Frederick Holcomb. | “ Nathaniel S. Wheaton. |
| “ William Jarvis.    |                         |

The Rev. Messrs. Pyne and Jarvis were appointed a Committee to receive and examine the testimonials of the Lay Delegates.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 2 o'clock this afternoon.

CHATHAM, Trinity Church,  
*Tuesday, Oct. 9th, 2½ o'clock P. M.*

The meeting convened pursuant to adjournment.

The roll of the Clergy was called.

The Committee to whom were referred the certificates of the Lay Delegates reported that the following persons had been duly elected to represent their respective parishes in the Convention of this date:

John D. Smith, St. James' Church, Derby.  
 Felix Starkey, St. John's Church, Essex, Saybrook.  
 Nathaniel Clark, Grace Church, Saybrook.  
 Seth E. Lathrop, Christ Church, Salem.  
 Samuel B. Hill, Union Church, North Killingworth.  
 Chas. Jarvis, St. James' Church, Newtown.  
 Joseph Hall, { Trinity Church, Chatham.  
 Daniel Russell, }  
 Asahel Merriam, { St. Andrew's Church, Meriden.  
 Ashbel Griswold, }  
 Joel Foote, { St. Peter's Church, Hebron.  
 Cyrus Mann, }  
 Chevers Brainard, { St. Stephen's Church, East Haddam.  
 Nathan L. Foster, }  
 David Ogden, Trinity Church, Fairfield.  
 Samuel Cooper, Christ Church, Middletown.

The roll of the Lay Delegates being called, they answered to their names and took their seats.

It appearing that there was not a quorum of either order present, the meeting adjourned to attend Divine Service.

The Evening Service was read by the Rev. David G. Tomlinson, Rector of the Churches of Milton and Bradleyville, and the sermon delivered by the Rev. Robert A. Hallam, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Meriden.

The services being concluded, the meeting again assembled; but as there was still no quorum, it was, on motion, adjourned *sine die*, after the customary devotions by the Bishop.

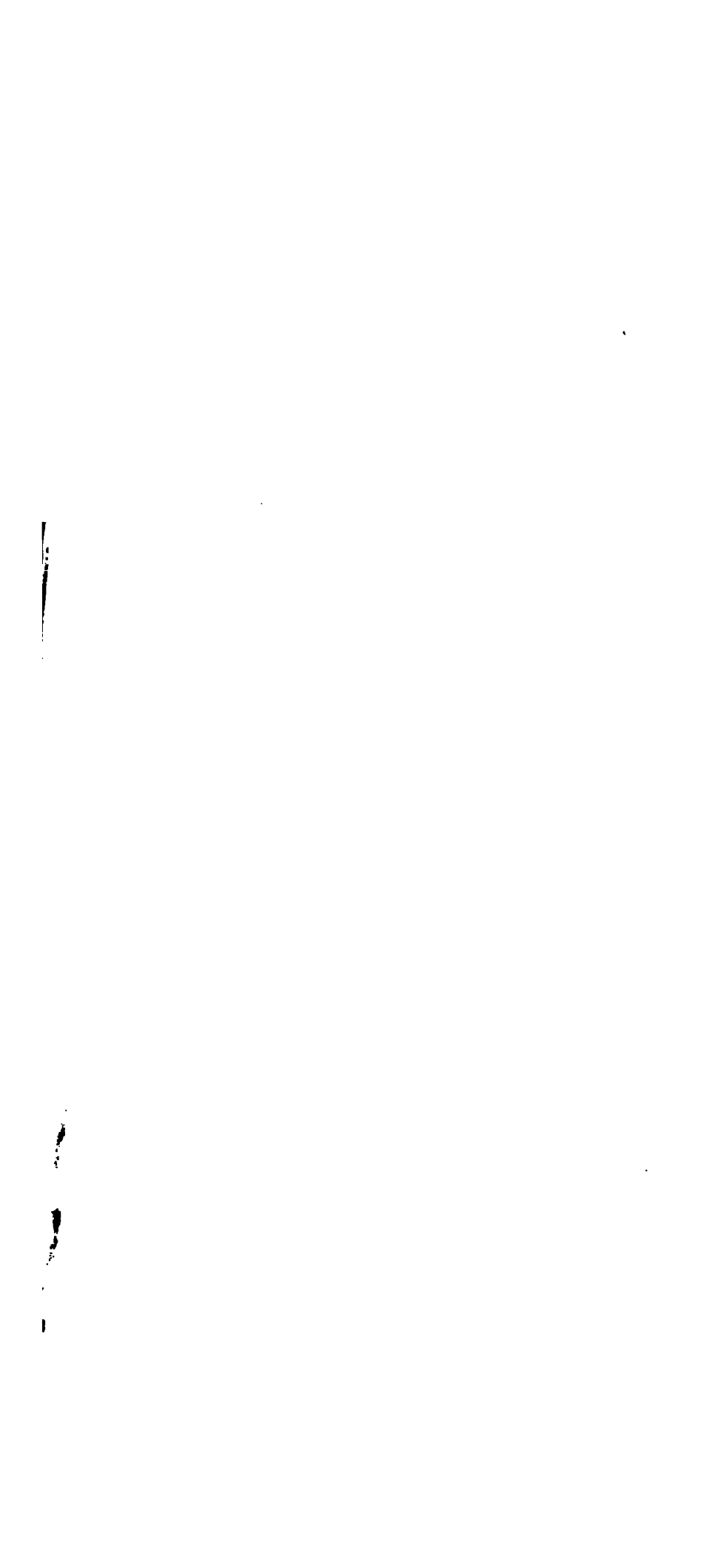
T. C. BROWNELL,  
*Bishop of the Diocese of Conn., President.*  
 WILLIAM JARVIS, *Secretary.*



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NORWICH, Christ Church,  
*Oct. 8th*, half past 10 o'clock A. M.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Connecticut, the Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Brownell, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of the Diocese, and several Clergymen and Lay Delegates attended in Christ Church, Norwich, at half past 10 o'clock A. M.

Morning Prayers were read by the Rev. Frederick Holcomb, Rector of Christ Church, Watertown, and the sermon delivered by the Rev. Nathaniel S. Wheaton, D.D., President of Washington College, Hartford.

The Holy Communion was then administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Holcomb. The services being concluded, the chair was taken by the Bishop, and the meeting proceeded to organize.

A list of the Clergy entitled to seats was called over by the Secretary, and the following answered to their names and took their seats :

The Rt. Rev. T. C. Brownell, D.D., LL.D.

|                         |                              |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Rev. David Baldwin.     | Rev. William Jarvis.         |
| “ Stephen Beach.        | “ Bethel Judd, D.D.          |
| “ Nathan B. Burgess.    | “ Ezra B. Kellogg.           |
| “ Daniel Burhans, D.D.  | “ Jackson Kemper, D.D.       |
| “ Levi H. Corson.       | “ Allen C. Morgan.           |
| “ Harry Crosswell, D.D. | “ Seth B. Paddock.           |
| “ Thomas J. Davis.      | “ Smith Pyne.                |
| “ John M. Guion.        | “ George C. Shephard.        |
| “ Isaac W. Hallam.      | “ Samuel C. Stratton.        |
| “ Robert A. Hallam.     | “ William H. Walter.         |
| “ Oliver Hopson.        | “ Nathaniel S. Wheaton, D.D. |
| “ Stephen Jewett.       |                              |

The Rev. Messrs. Jarvis and D. Baldwin and Mr. Burrage Beach were appointed a Committee to receive and examine the testimonials of the Lay Delegates.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That when this Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet in this Church at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Adjourned.

NORWICH, Christ Church,  
*Oct. 8th*, 3 o'clock P. M.

The meeting convened pursuant to adjournment. The roll of the Clergy was called.

The Committee to whom were referred the certificates of the Lay Delegates reported that the following persons had been duly elected :

|                     |                         |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Richard Adams,      | } Norwich.              |
| Alfred Lee,         |                         |
| Moses Cowles,       | Meriden.                |
| Daniel Russell,     | Chatham.                |
| Burrage Beach,      | Cheshire.               |
| Thomas Burgess,     | Guilford.               |
| Philo Hurd,         | Watertown.              |
| James Geer,         | Preston.                |
| James Killam,       | Glastenbury.            |
| Stephen Mott,       | } Norwalk.              |
| William St. John,   |                         |
| Joel Foote,         | Hebron.                 |
| Merrit Welton,      | Waterbury.              |
| Edward Fogg,        | Brooklyn.               |
| Robinson S. Hinman, | Salem Bridge.           |
| Edward Hallam,      | New London.             |
| Edwin Talmadge,     | Plymouth (St. Peter's). |

On motion,

*Resolved*, That Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church not belonging to this Diocese and Candidates for Holy Orders who may be in this city during the sittings of this body be admitted to the same.

Agreeably to this resolution, the Rev. John Hothersall Pinder, D.D., Principal of Codrington College, Barbadoes, and Messrs. Thomas H. Vail and John H. Rouse, Candidates for Orders in this Diocese, attended.



There not being a constitutional number of Lay Delegates to form a quorum, on motion, the Parochial Reports were read in part.

A communication from the Secretary of the General Convention, containing resolutions of that body respecting certain proposed alterations of the Prayer Book and the means of defraying the expenses of the General Convention, was read and referred to the following Committee: the Rev. Messrs. Holcomb, Jewett, and Beach, and Mr. Foote—to report thereon to-morrow.

*Resolved*, as the sense of this body, That it will adjourn at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning to attend Divine Service.

*Resolved*, That the Sermon in behalf of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge be delivered to-morrow evening.

Adjourned, to meet at half past eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

NORWICH, Christ Church,

Wednesday,  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 8 o'clock A. M.

The Clergy and Lay Delegates who were present yesterday met pursuant to adjournment. Prayers were read by the Secretary.

The roll was called, when it appeared that there was still no quorum of Lay Delegates.

The remainder of the Parochial Reports were read.

Adjourned to meet at half past two o'clock this afternoon.

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Wednesday,  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 2 o'clock P. M.

The meeting convened pursuant to adjournment.

The roll being called, it appeared that there was not a quorum of Lay Delegates.

The minutes were read and approved.

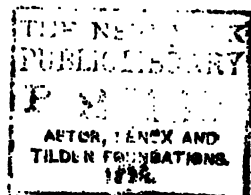
On motion, adjourned *sine die*.

WILLIAM JARVIS, *Secretary*.

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**ON TUESDAY, OCT. 14th, AND WEDNESDAY, OCT. 15th,**

**A. D. 1834.**

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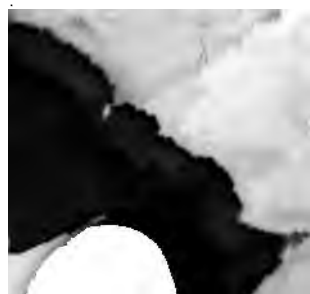
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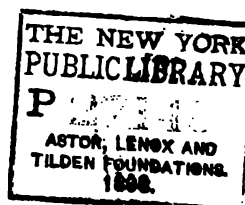




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## CONVENTION, 1884.



BRIDGEPORT, October 14th, 1884.

THIS being the day appointed by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Connecticut, for the meeting of the Annual Convention of said Church, the Right Rev. T. C. Brownell, D. D. L. L. D. the Bishop of the Diocese, and several Clergymen and Lay-Delegates, attended in St. John's Church, Bridgeport, at half past 10 o'clock, A. M.

Morning prayers were read by the Rev. William Shelton, of the Diocese of New York, assisted by the Rev. Smith Pyne, Rector of Christ Church, Middletown, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. William A. Curtis, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Wallingford.

Melancthon Hoyt was then admitted by the Bishop to the holy order of Deacons ; after which the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Shelton and the Rev. Mr. Pyne, administered the holy Communion.

The services being concluded, the Bishop took the Chair, and the Convention was called to order.

A list of the Clergy entitled to seats, was called over by the Assistant Secretary, and the following answered to their names:

|                              |                         |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| The Rt. Rev. T. C. BROWNELL, | Rev. WILLIAM A. CURTIS, |
| D. D. L. L. D.               | " THOS. J. DAVIS,       |
| Rev. DAVID BALDWIN,          | " JOHN DOWDNEY, JR.,    |
| " WILLIAM BARLOW,            | " G. C. V. EASTMAN,     |
| " STEPHEN BEACH,             | " JOHN M. GUION,        |
| " LORENZO T. BENNETT,        | " ROBERT A. HALLAM,     |
| " CHARLES W. BRADLEY,        | " FREDERICK HOLCOMB,    |
| " GEORGE BURGESS,            | " OLIVER HOPSON,        |
| " DANIEL BURHANS, D. D.      | " LEMUEL B. HULL,       |
| " GURDON S. COIT,            | " ENOCH HUNTINGTON,     |
| " ASA CORNWALL,              | " STEPHEN JEWETT,       |
| " NATH'L. E. CORNWALL,       | " BETHEL JUDD, D. D.    |
| " JOSEPH S. COVELL,          | " WILLIAM L. KEESE,     |
| " HARRY CROSWELL, D. D.      | " JACKSON KEMPER, D. D. |



Rev. TRUMAN MARSH,  
 " ALLEN C. MORGAN.  
 " LUCIUS M. PURDY.  
 " SMITH PINE,  
 " RODNEY ROSSITER.  
 " JOHN H. ROUSE,  
 " JOSEPH SCOTT,  
 " GEORGE C. SHEPARD,

Rev. CHARLES SMITH,  
 " JOHN D. SMITH,  
 " SAMUEL C. STRATTON,  
 " AMBROSE S. TODD,  
 " DAVID G. TOMLINSON,  
 " WILLIAM H. WALTER,  
 " RANSOM WARNER,  
 " N. S. WHEATON, D. D.

The Secretary of the Convention being absent in consequence of sickness, the Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D. was appointed Secretary pro tempore.

The Rev. Messrs. Kemper and Charles Smith, and Burrage Beach, Esqr. were appointed a Committee to receive and examine the testimonials of the Lay-Delegates.

On motion, *Resolved*, That when this Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet in the Church this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, October 14, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The roll of the clergy was called.

The Committee to whom were referred the certificates of the Lay-Delegates, reported that the following persons had been duly elected to represent their respective Parishes in this Convention :

Beriah Bradley, } *New-Haven*,  
 E. A. Prescott, }  
 Daniel Russell, } *Chatham*,  
 Burrage Beach, } *Cheshire*,  
 Royal S. Hinman, } *Naugatuck*,  
 Asa Hayes, } *Trumbull*,  
 Abel Mallett, }  
 John Jackson, } *Brookfield*,  
 Hanford Nichols, } *Weston*,  
 Edwin Lines, } *Reding*,  
 David McEwen, } *Oxford*,  
 Ephraim Lane, } *Monroe*,  
 Nathaniel Berry, } *Sharon*,  
 Chester G. Linet, }  
 R. Camp, } *Salisbury*,  
 G. A. Sterling }  
 Everitt Clark, } *Danbury*,  
 Ephraim Gregory, }  
 Stephen Reed, } *Kent*,  
 Nathan L. Foster, } *East-Haddam*,  
 Dr. Aaron Gibbs, } *Waterbury*,  
 William H. Scovill, }  
 Ebenezer French, } *Watertown*,  
 Aher Bradley, }

Asa Curtis, } *Stratford*,  
 Edwards Johnson, }  
 George Hall, } *Walkingford*,  
 Alexander Hall, } *Newtown*,  
 Daniel B. Hawley, }  
 George A. Foot, } *Gulford*,  
 Henry R. Weed, } *New-Canaan*,  
 Jesse Ives, } *Hitchcockville*,  
 John S. Harrison, }  
 James M. Goodwin, } *Hartford*,  
 Samuel Tudor, }  
 Dr. Ebenezer Cone, } *Saybrook*,  
 Samuel French, } *Milford*,  
 Asa Picket, } *New-Milford*,  
 Jared Bassett, } *Hamden*,  
 Samuel F. Lambert, } *Wilton*,  
 Abel Beers, } *Fairfield*,  
 William Bulkley, }  
 Ira L. Ufford, } *Derby*,  
 William Merriam, } *Meriden*,  
 Josiah Beardsley, } *New-Preston*,  
 Philemon Blakslee, jr., } *North-Haven*,  
 David C. Guild, } *Bradleyville & Milton*,  
 Joseph Shelton, } *Huntington*,

Nathan B. Thorp, *Bridgewater*,  
 Walter Dauchy, *Ridgefield*,  
 Albert Todd, *Northford*,  
 Philip A. Cannon, } *Bridgeport*,  
 David P. Minot, }

Josiah Nettleton, *Humphreysville*,  
 Stephen Mott, }  
 Joseph W. Hubbell, } *Norwalk*,  
 Stephen M. Mitchell. *Plymouth*.

The roll of the Lay-Delegates being called, they answered to their names and took their seats.

On motion, the Convention went into an election of a Secretary, when the Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D. Rector of St. Paul's Church, Norwalk, was elected. Burrage Beach, Esq. was appointed Assistant Secretary.

On motion, the following rules of order were read and adopted as the rules of order of this Convention :

1. The business of every day shall be introduced by prayer.
2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand unless to address the chair.
3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the convention, unless he have leave from the house.
4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall with due respect address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.
5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.
6. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and shall not be again drawn into debate during the same session.
7. While the President is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the house, or read any book.
8. Every member who shall be in the Convention when any question is put, shall on a division be counted, unless he be particularly interested in the decision.
9. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless it be seconded, and reduced to writing when required.
10. When any question is before the Convention, it shall be determined on before any thing new is introduced, except for adjournment.
11. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.
12. When the Convention is to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leave the chair.

On motion, *Resolved*, That clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church belonging to other Dioceses, and candidates for holy orders, who may be in Bridgeport during the session of the convention, be admitted to the same.

Agreeably to this resolution, the Rev. Messrs. Lot Jones, William Shelton, Amos G. Baldwin, James D. Carder, and Isaac Peck from the diocese of New York; and Edward Ingersoll, David H. Short, Riverius Camp, and Thomas H. Judd, candidates for orders in this diocese, attended the sittings of the Convention.

Several petitions from new parishes to be admitted into union with this Convention were presented: When, on motion, the Rev. Messrs. Judd and Todd, and Samuel Tudor, Esq. were appointed a Committee to examine said petitions, and to report thereon.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop delivered his annual Address.

### **ADDRESS.**

#### **MY BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY, AND OF THE LAITY:—**

THROUGH the good providence of God, we are again permitted to meet together in Convention under circumstances of mercy. Owing to a concurrence of untoward events, which frustrated our last annual meeting, and to a change in the Constitution of the Diocese, which has transferred our time of meeting from June to October, it is now two years and four months since we were last assembled together. We have abundant cause of gratitude and thanksgiving to the Father of mercies for the kindness he has extended to us, and the blessings he has bestowed on us during the interim. The period has been distinguished by fruitful seasons, and by a bountiful measure of worldly prosperity. That dreadful pestilence which has scourged the nations of Asia and Europe, and which has spread its ravages through so many portions of our own country, has hitherto been graciously averted from the state in which we live. A few instances, indeed, have served to remind us of our dependance on God, to make us instant and fervent in our prayers for deliverance, and to excite our sympathies for the sufferings of our fellow-men in those regions where the divine chastisements have been more heavily dispensed; but the general exemption with which we have been favored, and the distinguished degree of health and comfort which we have enjoyed, should call forth our devout thanksgivings and praise to the author of all good. Our spiritual privileges and blessings have not been less distinguished; and they enforce similar demands upon our gratitude and love. "The means of grace, and the hopes of glory," are so constantly extended to us that they seem to be our regular inheritance; yet we should not forget that they are dispensed and controlled by the good pleasure of the Almighty, and that they derive all their efficacy from the influence of the Holy Spirit. But apart from this general dispensation of grace and mercy, the course of our lives is specially ordered by the "divine governance," and we have been defended from the "sins of



heresy and schism," and has been sustained and preserved in "unity of spirit, and in the bond of peace."

There has been somewhat less of religious animation, indeed, during the period of our recess, than in the year or two which preceded it. The excitement which then prevailed so generally throughout this state, has been succeeded, as is usually the case, by a too general coldness and indifference to religion. But, as the discipline of the Episcopal Church guards her members from the common excesses of enthusiasm, we have been less affected by the *re-action* than the other denominations of Christians with whom we are surrounded. Happy will it be for us, my brethren, if, by a faithful use of the ordinary means of grace, we can sustain in our Church that elevated standard of piety, and that general sensibility to the concerns of religion which the gospel demands, and which other communions seek to effect by artificial and ever-varying methods of excitement. During the fervor of their enthusiasm, indeed, they may reproach us with a want of spirituality and zeal: But let us still preserve "the even tenor of our way," and still adhere to that sober and mature piety which is so congenial to the institutions of our Church, and to the true spirit of the christian religion. Amid the vicissitudes of these other communions, and the controversies which rend them asunder, we shall thus preserve our stability and union. And in those ebblings of religious zeal which always follow the flood-tides of extravagance, and amid those corruptions of doctrine which naturally spring from a fondness for metaphysical subtleties, and from new devices to produce excitement, she who is stigmatized as a "dead Church," will still be found alive and vigorous; and she who suffers under the false imputation of relying upon "dead works," will be seen to stand forth as the steadiest defender of the orthodox faith, and the securest asylum of evangelical piety.

Since my retirement from the charge of Washington College, my attention has been devoted almost exclusively to the concerns of the Diocese, and I have had full opportunity to become acquainted with its condition, and its wants. I should do injustice to my feelings if I failed, on this occasion, to bear ample testimony to the zeal and faithfulness with which the clergy are pursuing their unostentatious self-denying and pious labours: and I should be wanting in gratitude, if I were not duly thankful to the great shepherd and bishop of souls for that harmony in doctrine and in feeling with which they are animated. It has been my purpose for the last three years, to visit each parish in the diocese annually. A kind Providence has enabled me to fulfil this intention, with only a very few exceptions—while some of the parishes have been visited more than once in the year. In some of the parishes, particularly in the smaller ones, I have always found candidates prepared for

may still be turned to usefulness, I trust, in "strengthening the hands and encouraging the hearts" of the clergy, and in keeping up and fostering those kindly feelings which I would wish to preserve with every part of the diocese.

Since I last met you in Convention, I have administered the holy rite of confirmation to 926 persons, in the following parishes: viz. In Hartford, to 36\* persons; Glastenbury, 9; Windham, 9; Brooklyn 12\*; Pomfret, 15\*; New-London, 6; Norwich, 6; Middletown, 8; East-Haddam, 10\*; Saybrook, 13\*; Essex borough 19\*; New-Haven, 82†; Guilford, 8; North-Guilford, 12; Branford, 9; Northford, 8\*; Wallingford, 21\*; Cheshire, 10; Meriden, 22\*; Milford, 7; Derby 22\*; Humphreysville, 8\*; Oxford, 17; Quaker's Farms, 19; Waterbury, 30†; Naugatuck, 33\*; Bethany, 8; Wolcott, 19\*; Stratford, 26\*; Bridgeport, 10; Fairfield, 1; Norwalk, 34†; Stamford, 23\*; Wilton, 11; Ridgefield, 8\*; Danbury, 7\*; Reading, 4; Newtown, 32\*; St. James', (Newtown,) 16\*; Brookfield, 12\*; Huntington, 1; Monroe, 32\*; Trumbull, 24; New-Canaan, 6; Litchfield, 8\*; Bradleyville, 11\*; Milton, 20\*; New-Milford, 14\*; Bridgewater, 8; Sharon, 9\*; Kent, 4; New-Preston, 5; Salisbury, 8\*; Woodbury, 11\*; Roxbury, 4; Bethlehem, 11\*; Watertown, 26\*; Canaan, 5; Plymouth, (St. Peters,) 40\*—(St. Matthews,) 7; Bristol, 3; Hitchcocksville, 7.

On the day after the last Convention, (June 8th, 1832,) I consecrated the new Church at Naugatuck, (Waterbury,) by the name of St. Michael's Church. It is a very neat and commodious edifice; and the same zeal and public spirit which was displayed in its erection, has continued to characterize the members of that new and growing parish. On the 30th of August, 1832, I consecrated St. John's Church, at East-Windsor; and on the 17th of September, in the same year, I consecrated Trinity Church, at Branford. These two latter edifices had been for some time erected, but had recently been repaired and finished. On the 2d day of October, 1833, I consecrated the new Church at Wolcott, by the name of "All Saints" Church. During the present year, I have already consecrated five new Churches. St. Paul's Church, at Windham, consecrated April the 10th, is a substantial gothic edifice of granite, erected by the zeal and liberality of a parish which has been brought into existence within the last two years, under the ministry of the Rev. L. H. Corson. The first renting of the pews has produced a revenue equal to the support of a clergyman. The beautiful new Churches at Greenwich, and New-Canaan, were consecrated on the 5th and 6th of May; the former is called Christ Church, and the latter St. Mark's. They were built in the grecian style of architecture, and may be regarded

† At three Confirmations.



as among the best models of village churches. The Church at Middletown was consecrated on the 12th of June, by the name of Christ Church. It is built of sand stone in the Grecian style, and is one of the most spacious and elegant churches in the diocese. At the renting of its pews, about forty families were added to the congregation, which is under the rectorship of the Rev. Smith Pyne. On the 17th of September, I consecrated the new Church at Reading. It is called Christ Church, and is built on a model not unlike to the churches of Greenwich and New Canaan, only that its tower is surmounted by a well proportioned steeple. The zeal and liberality with which this good work has been carried on by the Rector and the members of his congregation, is worthy of all praise, and promises to be of lasting benefit to the parish. Other handsome churches are in the progress of erection, at Southport, at Bridgewater, at Oxford, and at North-Haven. They will be ready for consecration during the present autumn, or the next spring.

Since my last address to you, I have admitted sixteen persons to the Holy Order of Deacons, and twelve to that of Priests. Of the former, Samuel S. Lewis was ordained at Hartford, on the 10th of June, 1832; William H. Walter, Robert A. Hallam, and William P. Curtis, in the same place, on the 2d day of August in the same year; James A. Bolles in the same place, on the 24th of March, 1833; Silas Totten, at Wallingford, on the 5th of May, 1833; Samuel Starr, Caleb S. Ives, Isaac Smith, John D. Smith, and Oliver Hopson, at Hartford, on the 7th of July, 1833; John H. Rouse, at Chatham, on the 15th of June, 1834; Augustus F. Lyde, and Nathaniel E. Cornwall, at St. Thomas' Church, in the city of New York, on the 29th of June, 1834; and Lorenzo T. Bennett, in St. Paul's Chapel, New Haven, on the 1st of July, 1834. Of those admitted to the Holy Order of Priests, the Rev. Thomas J. Davis was ordained at St. Michael's Church, Naugatuck, on the 4th of September, 1832; the Rev. Joseph Scott, and the Rev. William P. Curtis, at Hartford, on the 28th of September, in the same year; the Rev. Allen C. Morgan, and the Rev. David G. Tomlinson, at Watertown, on the 17th of January, 1833; the Rev. Robert A. Hallam, the Rev. Levi H. Corson, and the Rev. Caleb S. Ives, at Meriden, on the 2d day of August, 1833; the Rev. Isaac Hallam, at New London, on the 18th of December, 1833; the Rev. Lucius M. Purdy, at St. Peter's Church, Plymouth, on the 22d February, 1834; the Rev. John D. Smith, at Humphreysville, on the 22d of September, 1834; and the Rev. Oliver Hopson, at Bethany, on the 23d of September, 1834.

Several of the clergy, ordained as above stated, have gone to places of usefulness in other Dioceses. The Rev. Samuel S. Lewis, and the Rev. Caleb S. Ives have received letters commissory

Diocese of New Jersey. The Rev. Samuel Starr has taken a letter dimissory to the diocese of Alabama; the Rev. Isaac Smith, to the Diocese of Pennsylvania; and the Rev. James A. Bolles to the Diocese of New-York. Of the remainder, the Rev. Joseph Scott, is settled as rector in the parish of Derby; the Rev. Thomas J. Davis, in the parish of Glastenbury; the Rev. William H. Walter, in the parish of Milford; the Rev. Robert A. Hallam, in the parish of Meriden; the Rev. Allen C. Morgan, in the parish of Waterbury; the Rev. David G. Tomlinson, in the parishes of Bradleyville and Milton; the Rev. John D. Smith, in the parish of Humphreysville; the Rev. Oliver Hopson, in the parishes of Bethany and Naugatuck; the Rev. Levi H. Corson, in the parish of Windham; the Rev. Lucius M. Purdy, in the parishes of Sharon and Salisbury; the Rev. John S. Rouse, in the parish of Hamden; the Rev. Nathaniel E. Cornwall, in the parish of Fairfield; and the Rev. Lorenzo T. Bennett, in the parish of Guilford. The Rev. Silas Totten is the Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy in Washington College; the Rev. Isaac Hallam, after a temporary charge of the parish of New London, has been appointed Missionary to Chicago; the Rev. Augustus F. Lyde, is prevented from the exercise of his ministry through the visitation of disease; and the Rev. William P. Curtis, who had removed to the diocese of New York, has been suddenly arrested in his labors by the hand of death.

On the 8th of July, 1832, I instituted the Rev. Hugh Smith into the Rectorship of Christ Church, Hartford. In October 1833, he resigned that parish and received a dimissory letter to the Diocese of New York. The Rev. John M. Robertson, the Rev. Solomon Blakeslee, the Rev. Horatio Potter, the Rev. Wm. Lucas, and the Rev. Henry R. Judah have also received dimissory letters to the same Diocese. The Rev. Norman Pinney, and the Rev. Albert A. Muller have received dimissory letters to the diocese of Alabama. The Rev. Henry S. Atwater has also removed to the diocese of New York. Notwithstanding these removals, there has been about an equal accession to our list of clergy, with dimissory letters from other dioceses. The Rev. John M. Guion, from the diocese of New York, is settled as rector of the parish of Saybrook; the Rev. William L. Keese, from the same diocese, as assistant minister of the parish of Trinity Church, New Haven; the Rev. Hiram Jelliff, from the same Diocese, as rector of the parish of Kent; the Rev. Silas Totten, from the same diocese, as Professor in Washington College; the Rev. Charles J. Todd, now officiating in the parish of New Canaan, and lately at Ridgefield, and for some time previous to our last Convention officiating at Wilton, has since then presented to me his dimissory letter from the diocese of New York. The Rev. Gurdon S. Coit, who was for a short time transferred to the diocese of New York, has returned from the same with a dimissory letter, and is settled as Rec-

tor of the parish of Bridgeport. The Rev. John Dowdney, jr. from the diocese of New York, is officiating in the parishes of Woodbury and Bethlehem, with dimissory letters; and the Rev. Joseph H. Nichols, from the same diocese, is officiating in the new parish of Greenwich. The Rev. Robert Davies presented to me a letter dimissory from the diocese of New York, and was shortly afterwards transferred to that of New Jersey. The Rev. Lucius M. Purdy presented to me his dimissory letter from the eastern diocese, and is now settled as rector of the parishes of Sharon and Salisbury. The Rev. G. C. V. Eastman, with a dimissory letter from the same diocese, is officiating in the new parish of Bristol, in conjunction with the parish of St. Matthew's, Plymouth. The Rev. George Burgess, with a dimissory letter from the same diocese, is officiating as assistant minister in the parish of Hartford; and the Rev. J. D. Tyler, also from the same diocese, is officiating as an instructor in the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb. The Rev. Isaac Hallam has become ecclesiastically connected with this diocese by a dimissory letter from the Bishop of Virginia; and the Rev. Birdsey G. Noble, who has established a Classical Seminary at Bridgeport, has presented me his dimissory letter from the diocese of New Jersey.

Several changes have taken place in the location of the older clergy of the Diocese. The Rev. George B. Andrews has removed to the diocese of New York; the Rev. Ashbel Baldwin has resigned his charge of the parishes of Oxord and Quaker's Farms, and has been succeeded in the cure by the Rev. Charles Smith, formerly rector of the parish of Fairfield. The Rev. David Baldwin has resigned the rectorship of the parish of Guilford, confining himself to the charge of North Guilford, the other parish of his cure. The Rev. William Barlow has accepted the charge of the parish of Wilton: the Rev. Stephen Beach has removed to the cure composed of the parishes of Essexborough and East Haddam: the Rev. Nathan B. Burgess has relinquished the parish of Poquatannock: the Rev. Peter G. Clark has relinquished the parish of Hamden, and resides in Cheshire: the Rev. Asa Cornwall has resigned the charge of the parishes of Simsbury and Granby, and resides in Cheshire: the Rev. Samuel Fuller, jr. has accepted the Rectorship of St. Michael's Church, Litchfield: the Rev. Stephen Jewett has resigned the parishes of Derby and Humphreysville, and resides in New Haven: the Rev. James Keeler has removed from Hitchcocksville to the parish of Northfield, and the Rev. Ashbel Steele has accepted the appointment of Missionary to Pensacola.

In addition to these changes, I have to record the death of the Rev. Chauncey Prindle, an aged Presbyter of the Church, who faithfully labored in her ministry during the period of her greatest depression, and who, we devoutly hope, has entered into that rest prepared for the people of God.

The following persons are now candidates for holy orders in this diocese, viz. Thomas H. Vail, Jacob L. Clark, Edward Ingersoll, Roderick H. Ranney, Alexander H. Vinton, Cicero S. Hawks, William Watson, Amos B. Beach, Eben E. Beardsley, David H. Short, Thomas S. Judd, George Benton, David Ogden, George A. Sterling, Riverius Camp, Samuel Hazard, Albert Spooner, James Madison Thompson, (Africa,) William C. Cooley, Solomon G. Hitchcock, Ferdinand Rogers, William B. Ashley, Alfred Lee, Henry Fitch.

Of the candidates for orders reported to the last Convention, Hobart M. Bartlett, and James C. Richmond were transferred to other Dioceses, and George F. Cook departed this life at the General Theological Seminary, greatly lamented by all who knew his worth.

I attended the last meeting of the General Convention of the Church. Certain resolutions were then passed, which were submitted to the consideration of the several Dioceses, and to which I now beg leave to call your attention. Four new Bishops were consecrated, as the closing act of the Convention.

I have also attended three meetings of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, since the last session of this body. The importance of that Institution to the well-being of the Church is constantly becoming more and more obvious: and I am happy to state that its prospects of increase, prosperity, and usefulness are steadily improving. It is, however, my duty to add that the funds of the Institution, though likely hereafter to become ample, through munificent legacies which have not yet become due, are yet, at the present time, subject to serious embarrassments. Under the present organization of the Seminary, its expenses exceed its income by about 1400 dollars a year; although some of its Instructors render their services gratuitously. It is obvious that this state of things cannot long continue, without encroaching materially on its capital; and this is a result which its Trustees, as faithful guardians of its interests, should not permit. Under these circumstances, the Trustees of the Seminary brought the subject before the General Convention, at its last session. The following resolution was passed by that body, as the higher guardians of the Institution, and I shall cheerfully concur with you in any proper measures for giving it efficacy in this Diocese:

*Resolved*, As the sense of this Convention, that it is absolutely imperative upon the Board of Trustees not to suffer the capital fund of the Seminary to be diminished; and that as the income does not meet the annual expenditure, and this state of things must continue until the valuable legacies left to this institution shall become available; therefore, until this period, the General Convention does earnestly recommend that through the intervention of the Bishops or Standing Committees, collections be made yearly on some fixed day



in the churches in every State and Diocese : and the Rev. Clergy or vestries of the different parishes are requested, without delay, to remit the sums which may be raised in their respective churches, or otherwise, to the Treasurer of the Seminary."

The prosperity of the general institutions of the Church is intimately connected with the welfare of those within our own diocese, and they all mutually aid and support each other. Of the latter, however, we are the more immediate guardians, and I shall rely on your hearty co-operation in any measures that may conduce to their advancement. Perhaps there are no means of promoting the welfare of the Church more direct and efficacious than the education of her youth under auspices favorable to her sentiments, and especially to the education of young men to serve at her altars. For accomplishing these ends, the establishment of Washington College has created a most valuable auxiliary. The importance of the Institution, and its connexion with the best interests of the Church, have become too apparent to need commendation. I trust it will always receive the zealous support of this Diocese, and that it will prove a blessing to the Church throughout our country. In connexion with the College, and with the general subject of education for the sacred ministry, the Episcopal Academy at Cheshire should be an object of special interest. Whether any thing can be done to increase the number of its pupils, or to give to the Institution greater efficiency, is a subject worthy of your consideration.

The "Church Scholarship Society," established by the Convention of this diocese, has equalled the most sanguine expectations of its founders. Several valuable young men have already been introduced into the sacred ministry by its assistance, and a still greater number are now in the progress of their studies, under its auspices. The number of applications for its aid are rapidly increasing, and further appeals to the christian public for the augmentation of its means will soon become necessary.

There has been no period, since my connexion with the Diocese, when the "Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge," could pursue its objects with such encouraging prospects of success. Under the present aspect of religious affairs, I believe there is hardly a populous Town in the State, where the Church is not already planted, but might furnish a sufficient number of persons, unattached to the existing denominations, to form a respectable congregation. In most of these places, I am confident that Episcopal Clergymen would be cordially received, and that, with inceptant Missionary aid, new Parishes might soon be established. Owing to the difficulty of obtaining suitable Missionaries, indeed, but little has been recently effected in the way of organizing new congregations. The income of the Society has been chiefly appropriated to the sustaining of weak Pa-

riches, and in assisting such as were making extraordinary exertions for supporting the exclusive services of a Clergyman. Hereafter, I trust, the income of the Society will enable its Directors to occupy such new places of usefulness as may invite their special attention. To this end, I beg leave to direct your attention to such further measures for increasing its funds, as your judgment may direct. I would gladly see your minds effectually roused on this subject. It needs only to be fully understood, and rightly estimated, to call forth your most zealous exertions.

Brethren ;—In the statements now made, and in the “Parochial Reports,” which will be shortly laid before you, we shall find abundant reason to bless God for the measure of prosperity vouchsafed to the portion of his Church committed to our charge. If we observe something less of religious animation for the two last years, than in the two years which preceded them, we yet witness no deterioration of sound principles, no backwardness in supporting the institutions of religion and missionary efforts, and no dissensions in the Church. A gratifying harmony of principle, and of action, prevails throughout the Diocese ; and the Church appears to be steadily advancing in external prosperity, and in spiritual improvement. It rests with us faithfully to perform our duties, as individuals, and as members of her Communion, and to be instant in our prayers for her prosperity, as well as in the great work of our own salvation.

THOMAS CHURCH BROWNELL.

BRIDGEPORT, OCTOBER 14th, 1834.

The Parochial reports of the Rev. Messrs. David Baldwin, William Barlow, Stephen Beach, Lorenzo T. Bennett, George Burgess, Charles W. Bradley, Daniel Burhans, Gurdon S. Coit, Nathaniel E. Cornwall, Joseph S. Covell and Harry Croswell, were read.

The Rev. Dr Judd, in behalf of the Committee on new Churches, made the following report, which was adopted :

The Committee to whom was referred the petitions of certain newly organized parishes, for admission into his Convention, report in favor of admitting Christ Church, Greenwich, St. Paul's Church, Windham, and Trinity Church, Woodbridge, to all the privileges of said Convention.

The following Lay-Delegates from the new Parishes, presented their testimonials, which, being approved of, they answered to their names, and took their seats :

*Greenwich*, Christ Church, Justus L. Bush,  
*Windham*, St. Paul's Church, Loring Carpenter,  
*Woodbridge*, Trinity Church, Lewis Clinton.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock, to-morrow morning.





WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15th, 8 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Prayers were read by the Secretary.

The roll was called. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved. Mr. Ira Hyde presented his testimonial as a Lay-Delegate from Christ Church, Quaker's Farms, and took his seat.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Croswell, *Resolved*, That the Rev. Lemuel B. Hull be requested to collect the annual parish assessments for making up the Bishop's salary.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Croswell, *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to revise and amend the Constitution of the Church, in the Diocese of Connecticut; and that the said Committee shall furnish each of the Parishes in the diocese with a printed copy of the Constitution thus amended and revised, previous to the first day of August next.

*Resolved*, That the above named Committee be required to report to the next annual Convention, such additional Canons, for the consideration of the Convention, as they may deem expedient and necessary. The following persons were appointed the Committee: the Rev. Messrs. Croswell, Holcomb and Huntington, and R. S. Hinman, Judge Boardman, and Burrage Beach, Esqrs.

The Secretary of the Convention was appointed Treasurer of the Convention.

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the situation of the Academy at Cheshire, and report upon the course that ought to be taken by this Convention, with regard to it.

The Rev. Messrs. Burhans and Holcomb, and R. S. Hinman, Esq. were appointed the Committee.

*Resolved* That a Committee be appointed to report to this Convention upon the expediency of establishing a periodical religious paper.

The Rev. Messrs. Croswell, Wheaton, Todd and Huntington, and James M. Goodwin, Esq. were appointed the Committee.

The Parochial reports of the Rev. Messrs. Curtis, Davis, Dowdney, Eastman, Guion, Robert A. Hallam, Hopson, Holcomb, Huntington, Jones, Judd, Morgan, Purdy, Jelliff, Pyne, Rossiter, Rouse, Scott, Shepard, Hull, Charles Smith, John D. Smith, Stratton, Ambrose S. Todd, Charles J. Todd, Walter, Warner, Corson and Jarvis, were read.

Mr Calvin Hyde, a Lay-Delegate from St. James' Church, appeared, and took his seat.

A report from the Wardens of the Parish at Hitchcocksville, was presented and read.

The Committee on the subject of a religious periodical, made the following report :

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the subject of a religious periodical to be published in this Diocese, beg leave to report: That in their opinion it will be expedient, as soon as arrangements can be made for the purpose, to establish a religious weekly paper at a price not exceeding one dollar per annum. They recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Standing Committee be requested to make arrangements with some suitable editor and publisher, to take charge of such a publication, provided a sufficient number of subscribers can be procured to sustain the expense—and that for the purpose of trying the experiment, a specimen number be issued as early as convenient, and if a sufficient number of subscribers be returned by the first of January next, the said publication be then commenced.

The above resolution was adopted.

The report of the Treasurer of the Society for the promotion of Christian Knowledge, was presented and read.

The following report of the proceedings of the Standing Committee was presented and read.

*Abstract of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee, between the Conventions of 1832 and 1834.*

HARTFORD, August 1, 1832.

Roderick H. Ranney was recommended to be received as a candidate. Wm. H. Walter, Robert A. Hallam, and William A. Curtis, were recommended to receive the Order of Deacons; and Thomas J. Davis, to be admitted to the Priesthood.

HARTFORD, Sept. 27:

Alexander H. Vinton, was recommended to be received as candidate; and Joseph Scott and Wm. P. Curtis to be admitted to the Holy Order of Priests.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 13.

The Standing Committee recommended John H. Rouse, to be received as a candidate; and David G. Tomlinson, and Allen C. Morgan, to be ordained Priests.

NEW HAVEN, March 21, 1833.

Testimonials were given to James A. Bolles, recommending him to be ordained a Deacon.

NEW HAVEN, July 1.

Cicero S. Hawks, William Watson, and Lorenzo T. Bennet, were proposed to be received as candidates. Testimonials were given to Caleb S. Ives, Samuel Starr, John D. Smith, Isaac Smith, and Oliver Hopson, recommending them to the Order of Deacons; and to Levi H. Corson and Robert A. Hallam, for the Order of Priests.

HARTFORD, July 31.

Caleb S. Ives was recommended to be ordained Priest.



HARTFORD, August 1.

Amos B. Beach, was proposed to be received as a candidate. Testimonials having been laid before the Committee, of the election of the Rev James H. Otey, as Bishop of Tennessee, the usual testimonial was signed and forwarded to the President of the Standing Committee of that Diocese.

NORWICH, Oct. 8.

Eben E. Beardsley, Thomas S. Judd, David H. Short, David Ogden, Riverius Camp and George Benton, Alumni of Washington College; and George A. Sterling, were recommended to be received as candidates. Wm. H. Walter and Lucius M. Purdy, Deacons, were recommended to receive the Sacred Order of Priests.

NORWICH, Oct. 9.

Isaac Hallam, Deacon, was recommended to receive the Holy Order of Priests.

NEW HAVEN, May 1, 1834.

Albert Spooner and Samuel Hazzard, were recommended to be received as candidates. Lorenzo T. Bennett and John H. Rouse, were recommended to receive the Holy Order of Deacons; and John D. Smith and Oliver Hopson, Deacons, to receive the Holy Order of Priests.

NEW YORK, June 27.

William C. Cooley, was recommended to be received as a candidate; and Nathaniel E. Cornwall and Augustus Lyde to be ordained Deacons.

HARTFORD, Aug. 7.

James Madison Thompson, a colored man in Liberia, was recommended to be received as a candidate, and Melancthon Hoyt, to receive the Order of Deacons.

BRIDGEPORT, Oct. 14.

Wm. B. Ashley, Solomon G. Hitchcock, and Ferdinand Rogers, graduates of Washington College; and Alfred Lee, A. B. and Henry Fitch, were recommended to be received as candidates; and Edward Ingersoll, A. M. was recommended to be admitted Deacon.

N. S. WHEATON, *Secretary of the Standing Committee.*

The Convention proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee, for the year ensuing, when the following gentlemen were elected.

The Rev. HARRY CROSWELL, D. D.  
 " " NATHANIEL S. WHEATON, D. D.  
 " " WILLIAM JARVIS,  
 " " JACKSON KEMPER, D. D.  
 " " LEMUEL B. HULL.

On motion, the Convention separated, for the purpose of electing Delegates to the General Convention. When the Convention again united, it appeared that the following persons had been elected Delegates to the General Convention, and their election was thereupon confirmed by a joint vote of both orders.

**CLERGY.**

The Rev. Dr. Croswell,  
 " " Mr. Smith Pyne,  
 " " Mr. A. S. Todd,  
 " " Dr. Wheaton.

**LAITY.**

P. A. Cannon,  
 J. M. Goodwin,  
 Wm. H. Scovill,  
 Holbrook Curtis.

*Resolved*, That the Rt. Rev. Bishop Brownell, be authorized to appoint substitutes to attend the General Convention in the place of Delegates appointed by this Convention, who shall fail to attend.

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to examine the Journal of the last General Convention and report the subjects which require the attention of this body.

The Rev. Messrs. Hull and Holcomb, and Samuel F. Lambert Esq., were appointed the Committee.

On motion, adjourned to 2 o'clock, this afternoon.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15th, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.—The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Convention Fund be authorised to repay to the Treasurer of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, the sum of \$45, advanced by the latter, to pay the Assessment for the expenses of the General Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Hull, *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention to notify the delegates to the General Convention by letter or otherwise, of their several appointments, and if he does not receive a notice of their acceptance at least four weeks before the next General Convention, it shall be considered a non-acceptance on their part, and the Bishop shall fill their places according to the preceding resolution.

The Committee on Cheshire Academy made the following report, which was accepted :

The Committee appointed to inquire into the situation of the Academy at Cheshire, and report what course this Convention should take with regard to it, report—

That, so far as they can ascertain, the Trustees have had no meeting for more than two years, and that little can be known of its situation without such meeting. They therefore recommend a meeting of the Trustees as soon as convenient, and that they ascertain the situation of the funds of said Institution, and provide some means, if possible, to resuscitate the same.



The Rev. Messrs. Paddock, Kellogg, and Nichols, and Mr. Felix Starkey a lay-delegate from Essex appeared and took their seats.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Huntington, *Resolved*, That the Deputies to the next General Convention are hereby instructed to bring before that body the expediency of forming a General Education Society.

The parochial reports of the Rev. Messrs. Fuller, Paddock, Kellogg, Nichols, and Kemper, were presented.

The Rev. Messrs. Guion and Covell, were appointed a Committee to ascertain and report the number of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, to which this diocese is entitled.

On motion of the Secretary, the following was adopted as an addition to the 1st Canon: "And at every visitation the minister of each parish, or the wardens, if the parish be vacant, shall submit to the bishop for his inspection, the Parish Register."

The Committee appointed to examine the Journal of the last General Convention, stated the several subjects which were to be submitted to the consideration of the Diocesan Conventions.

Whereupon, it was *Resolved*, That the Deputies to the next General Convention, are hereby instructed to oppose the proposed alteration of the Rubric before the Selection of Psalms.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Pyne, *Resolved*, That this Convention, impressed with a sense of the benefits already enjoyed by the Church, in consequence of the establishment of Washington College, and fully convinced that this Institution may be recommended to the patronage of this and other states, not only as a Church, but as a literary Institution of high eminence, do now proceed to the election of five persons to attend the examinations in August next.

In compliance with this resolution, the Rev. Messrs. A. S. Todd, Huntington and Paddock, and Ebenzer Jackson, Jr. Esq. of Middletown, and Dr. Andrews of Wallingford, were appointed to attend the examinations of Washington College, in August next.

The Committee appointed to ascertain and report the number of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary to which this Diocese is entitled, reported that the number is ten.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to nominate Trustees for the General Theological Seminary: whereupon the Rev. Messrs. Croswell and Stratton, and Samuel Tudor, were appointed.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Hull, *Resolved*, That this Convention do earnestly recommend to the Congregations of this Diocese, the adoption of the scriptural and primitive plan of weekly charity recently revived in the Diocese of New Jersey by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Doane; which is briefly set forth in these words of St. Paul, 1 Cor. xvi. 2. "Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him:" and that the mode

of receiving such weekly contributions, and the objects to which they shall be appropriated, be left to the discretion of the Rector of each Church, in consultation with such members of his congregation as may feel an interest in the subject.

The Committee appointed to nominate Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, made the following nominations, which were approved by a vote of the Convention :

| <b>CLERGY.</b>        |  |  | <b>LAITY.</b>         |  |  |
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| The Rev. Dr. Burhans, |  |  | Nathan Smith,         |  |  |
| " " Croswell,         |  |  | Richard Adams,        |  |  |
| " " Wheaton,          |  |  | Philip A. Cannon,     |  |  |
| " " Judd,             |  |  | Samuel H. Huntington, |  |  |
| " " Kemper,           |  |  | Justus L. Bush,       |  |  |

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be given to the Secretary for his services ; to the Rev. Mr. Morgan for his Sermon, preached last evening in behalf of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, and to the Rev. Mr. Curtis for his Convention Sermon.

*Resolved*, That this Convention adjourn, after the customary acts of devotion.

The 133d Psalm was sung ; appropriate prayers were read by the Bishop, who closed the exercises with the benediction.

The Convention then adjourned.

**T. C. BROWNELL,**

*Bishop of the Diocese, President.*

**JACKSON KEMPER, Secretary.**

## APPENDIX.



### LIST OF THE

### Clergy of the Diocese of Connecticut,

NOVEMBER, 1834.

The Rt. Rev. THOMAS C. BROWNELL, D. D. LL. D. Bishop,  
residing at Hartford.

The Rev. ASHBEL BALDWIN, residing at New Haven.

The Rev. DAVID BALDWIN, Rector of St. John's Church, North  
Guilford.

The Rev. WILLIAM BARLOW, Rector of St. Matthew's Church,  
Wilton.

The Rev. STEPHEN BEACH, Rector of St. John's Church, Essex,  
and St. Stephen's Church, East Haddam.

The Rev. BENJAMIN BENHAM, residing at Brookfield.

The Rev. LORENZO T. BENNETT, Rector of Christ Church,  
Guilford.

The Rev. MOSES P. BENNETT, residing at Weston.

The Rev. CHARLES W. BRADLEY, Rector of St. John's Church,  
North Haven, and St. Andrew's Church, Northford.

The Rev. GEORGE BURGESS, Rector of Christ Church, Hartford.

The Rev. NATHAN B. BURGESS.

The Rev. DANIEL BURHANS, D. D. Rector of St. Peter's Church,  
Plymouth.

The Rev. GUSTAVUS V. CÉSAR, (a coloured man,) Caldwell,  
Africa.

\* The Rev. RIVERIUS CAMP, Deacon.

The Rev. PETER G. CLARK, residing at Cheshire.

The Rev. GURDON S. COIT, Rector of St. John's Church, Bridge-  
port.

The Rev. ASA CORNWALL, residing at Cheshire.

The Rev. NATHANIEL E. CORNWALL, minister of Trinity Church,  
Fairfield.

The Rev. LEVI H. CORSON, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Wind-  
ham.

The Rev. JOSEPH S. COVELL, Rector of St. Paul's Church Brook-  
field, and St. Mark's Church, Bridgewater.

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\* Ordained since the meeting of the Convention.

The Rev. HARRY CROSWELL, D. D. Rector of Trinity Parish, New Haven.

The Rev. WILLIAM A. CURTIS, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Wallingford.

The Rev. THOMAS J. DAVIS, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Glanburry.

The Rev. JOHN DOWDNEY, jr. officiating at St. Paul's Church, Woodbury, and Christ Church, Bethlehem.

The Rev. G. C. V. EASTMAN, Rector of Trinity Church, Bristol, and St. Matthew's Church, Plymouth.

The Rev. SAMUEL FULLER, jr. Rector of St. Michael's Church, Litchfield.

The Rev. ALPHEUS GEER, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Hebron, and Christ Church, Middle-Haddam.

The Rev. JOHN M. GUION, Rector of Grace Church, Saybrook.

The Rev. ISAAC W. HALLAM, Missionary to Chicago.

The Rev. ROBERT A. HALLAM, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Meriden.

The Rev. FREDERICK HOLCOMB, Rector of Christ Church, Watertown.

The Rev. OLIVER HOPSON, Rector of Christ Church, Bethany, and St. Michael's Church, Naugatuck.

The Rev. MELANCTHON HOYT, Deacon.

The Rev. LEMUEL B. HULL, Rector of St. James' Church, Danbury, and Christ Church, Reading.

The Rev. ENOCH HUNTINGTON, Rector of St. John's Church, New Milford.

\* The Rev. EDWARD INGERSOLL, Deacon.

The Rev. REUBEN IVES, residing at Cheshire.

The Rev. EDWARD J. IVES, Rector of Christ Church, East Haven.

The Rev. WILLIAM JARVIS, Rector of Trinity Church, Chatham.

The Rev. HIRAM JELLIFF, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Kent.

The Rev. STEPHEN JEWETT, residing at New Haven.

The Rev. EDWARD JONES, (a colored man.)

The Rev. ISAAC JONES, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Huntington.

The Rev. BETHEL JUDD, D. D. Rector of St. Peter's Church, and Principal of the Academy, Cheshire.

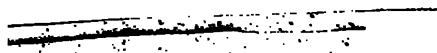
The Rev. JAMES KEELER, Rector of ——— Church, Northfield.

The Rev. EZRA B. KELLOGG, Rector of Trinity Church, Brooklyn, and Christ Church, Pomfret.

The Rev. WILLIAM L. KENSE, Assistant Minister of Trinity Parish, New Haven.

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\* Ordained since the meeting of the Convention.





**The Rev. JACKSON KEMPER, D. D.** Rector of St. Paul's Church, Norwalk.

**The Rev. AUGUSTUS F. LYDE.**

**The Rev. TRUMAN MARSH,** residing at Litchfield.

**The Rev. ALLEN C. MORGAN,** Rector of St. John's Church, Waterbury.

**The Rev. JOSEPH H. NICHOLS,** Minister of Christ Church, Greenwich.

**The Rev. B. G. NOBLE,** residing at Bridgeport.

**The Rev. SETH B. PADDOCK,** Rector of Christ Church, Norwich.

**The Rev. LUCIUS M. PURDY,** Rector of St. Paul's Church, Sharon, and St. John's Church, Salisbury.

**The Rev. SMITH PYNE,** Rector of Christ Church, Middletown.

**The Rev. RODNEY ROSSITER,** Rector of St. Peter's Church, Monroe, and St. James' Church, Newtown.

**The Rev. JOHN H. ROUSE,** Rector of Grace Church, Hamden.

**The Rev. JOSEPH SCOTT,** Rector of St. James' Church, Derby.

**The Rev. GEORGE C. SHEPARD,** Rector of Christ Church, Stratford.

**The Rev. CHARLES SMITH,** Rector of St. Peter's Church, and Christ Church, Oxford.

**The Rev. JOHN D. SMITH,** Rector of Union Church, Humphreysville.

**The Rev. ASHBEL STEELE,** Missionary to Pensacola.

**The Rev. SAMUEL C. STRATTON,** Rector of Trinity Church, Newtown.

**The Rev. AMBROSE S. TODD,** Rector of St. John's Church, Stamford.

**The Rev. CHARLES J. TODD,** officiating at St. Mark's Church, New Canaan.

**The Rev. DAVID G. TOMLINSON,** Rector of the Churches at Milton and Bradleyville.

**The Rev. SILAS TOTTEN,** Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, in Washington College, Hartford.

**The Rev. JOSEPH D. TYLER,** Instructor in the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb, Hartford.

**The Rev. WILLIAM H. WALTER,** Rector of St. George's Church, Milford.

**The Rev. RANSOM WARNER,** Rector of St. John's Church, East Windsor.

**The Rev. NATHANIEL S. WHEATON, D. D.** President of Washington College, Hartford.

**The Rev. GEORGE S. WHITE,** residing at Canterbury.

**The Rev. MILTON WILCOX,** residing at Simsbury.

*Number of Clergymen belonging to the Diocese, '74.*

'The following Clergymen, entitled to seats in this Convention, or residing in this Diocese, were not present :

|                          |                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| The Rev. ASHBEL BALDWIN, | The Rev. JAMES KNEELER, |
| " BENJAMIN BENHAM,       | " HIRAM JELLIFF,        |
| " MOSES P. BENNETT,      | " AUGUSTUS F. LYDE,     |
| " NATHAN B. BURGESS,     | " BIRDSEY G. NOBLE,     |
| " PETER G. CLARK,        | " CHARLES J. TODD,      |
| " LEVI H. CORSON,        | " SILAS TOTTER,         |
| " SAMUEL FULLER, JR.,    | " JOS. D. TYLER,        |
| " ALPHEUS GEER,          | " GEORGE S. WHITE,      |
| " REUBEN IVES,           | " MILTON WILCOX,        |
| " EDWARD J. IVES,        |                         |

Total 20.

The following Lay-Delegates, entitled by the certificates presented, to seats in the Convention, did not answer to their names :

|                                      |                                     |                 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Joseph Hall, <i>Chatham,</i>         | Felix Starkey,                      | } <i>Essex,</i> |
| C. A. Ives, <i>Cheshire,</i>         | Stephen W. Starkey,                 |                 |
| Daniel Tomlinson, <i>Brookfield,</i> | Nathaniel Cook, <i>Wallingford,</i> |                 |
| Everette Clark, <i>Danbury,</i>      | John G. Noble, <i>New-Milford,</i>  |                 |
| James C. Hyde, <i>East Haddam,</i>   | Charles Butler, <i>Plymouth,</i>    |                 |
|                                      | Total 10.                           |                 |

**LIST OF THE PARISHES**  
OF THE  
**Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese**  
**of Connecticut, 1834.**

**HARTFORD COUNTY.**

*Hartford*, Christ Church.  
*Glastenbury*, St. Luke's Church.  
*Simsbury*, St. Andrew's Church.  
*Granby*, St. Peter's Church.  
*East Windsor*, (Warehouse Point,) St. John's Church.  
*Southington*, ——— Church.

**WINDHAM COUNTY.**

*Brooklyn*, Trinity Church.  
*Canterbury*, St. Thomas' Church.  
*Pomfret*, Christ Church.  
*Windham*, St. Paul's Church.

**TOLLAND COUNTY.**

*Hebron*, St. Peter's Church.

**NEW-LONDON COUNTY.**

*New-London*, St. James' Church.  
*Norwich*, Christ Church.  
*Preston*, (Pauquetanuck,) St. James' Church.  
*Salem*, Christ Church.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY.**

*Middletown*, Christ Church.  
*Chatham*, Trinity Church.  
*Middle-Haddam*, Christ Church.  
*East-Haddam*, St. Stephen's Church.  
*Saybrook*, { (Essex,) St. John's Church.  
                  { Grace Church.  
*North Killingworth*, Union Church.

**NEW-HAVEN COUNTY.**

*New-Haven*, { Trinity Church,  
                  { St. Paul's Chapel.  
*Guilford*, Christ Church.  
*North-Guilford*, St. John's Church.  
*Branford*, Trinity Church.  
*North Branford*, Trinity Church.  
*East-Haven*, Christ Church.  
*North Haven*, St. John's Church.  
*Northford*, St. Andrew's Church.  
*Wallingsford*, St. Paul's Church.  
*Cheshire*, St. Peter's Church.  
*Meriden*, St. Andrew's Church.  
*Hamden*, Grace Church.  
*West Haven*, ——— Church.  
*Milford*, St. George's Church.  
*Derby*, St. James' Church.  
*Humphreysville*, Union Church.  
*Oxford*, { St. Peter's Church.  
                  { (Quaker's Farms,) Christ Church.

*Waterbury*, St. John's Church.  
*Naugatuck*, St. Michael's Church.  
*Woodbridge*, Trinity Church.  
*Middlebury*, ——— Church.  
*Bethany*, Christ Church.  
*Wolcott*, All Saints' Church.

#### FAIRFIELD COUNTY.

*Stratford*, Christ Church.  
*Bridgeport*, St. John's Church.  
*Fairfield*, Trinity Church.  
*Weston*, ——— Church.  
*Norwalk*, St. Paul's Church.  
*Stamford*, St. John's Church.  
*Wilton*, St. Matthew's Church.  
*Ridgefield*, St. Stephen's Church.  
*Danbury*, St. James' Church.  
*Reading*, Christ Church.  
*Newtown*, { Trinity Church.  
                   { St. James' Church.  
*Brookfield*, St. Paul's Church.  
*Huntington*, St. Paul's Church.  
*Monroe*, St. Peter's Church.  
*Trumbull*, Christ Church.  
*New-Canaan*, St. Mark's Church.  
*Greenwich*, Christ Church.

#### LITCHFIELD COUNTY.

*Litchfield*, St. Michael's Church.  
       " *Bradleyville*, ——— Church.  
       " *Milton*, ——— Church.  
       " *Northfield*, ——— Church.  
*New-Milford*, St. John's Church.  
*Bridgewater*, St. Mark's Church.  
*Sharon*, St. Paul's Church.  
*Kent*, St. Andrew's Church.  
*New Preston*, St. Andrew's Church.  
*Washington*, St. John's Church.  
*Salisbury*, St. John's Church.  
*Woodbury*, St. Paul's Church.  
*Roxbury*, ——— Church.  
*Bethlehem*, Christ Church.  
*Waretown*, Christ Church.  
*Canaan*, ——— Church.  
*Cornwall*, ——— Church.  
*Goshen*, ——— Church.  
*Northfield*, ——— Church.  
*Barkhamstead*, St. John's Church.  
*Plymouth*, { St. Peter's Church.  
                   { St. Matthew's Church.  
*Hitchcockville*, Union Church.

*Number of Congregations, 88.*

# SUMMARY OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

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| Churches.         | Places.          | Ministers.        | Baptisms.    |             | Communicants. |                           |                      | Marr-<br>ied. | Burials. | Sunday<br>School<br>Tea-Sch-<br>olars | Bible<br>Class. | Missionary and<br>Charitable<br>Contributions. |
|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------|----------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|--|
|                   |                  |                   | In-<br>fants | A-<br>dults | Ad-<br>ded.   | Died,<br>or re-<br>moved. | Pre-<br>sent-<br>ed. |               |          |                                       |                 |  |
| Christ, .....     | Hartford, .....  | G. Burgess, ...   | 172          | 33          | 65            | 33                        | 242                  | 36            | 10       | 23                                    | 25              | 428 D & F M; &<br>[168 92 S C K                |
| Trinity, .....    | New Haven, {     | H. Crosswell, D D | 500          | 178         | 14            | 82                        | 640                  | 82            | 93       | 142                                   | 56              | 151 85   |
| St. Paul's Chap   | Plymouth, ....   | W. L. Keese,      | 114          | 32          | 14            | 43                        | 134                  | 86            | 18       | 17                                    | 20              | 40 D & F M                                     |
| St. Peter's, .... | New Milford, ..  | D. Burhans, D D   | 80           | 16          | 2             | 13                        | 4                    | 90            | 12       | 20                                    | 100             | { 29 do;                                       |
| St. John's, ....  | Brookfield, }    | E. Huntington,    | 45           | 14          | 4             | 16                        | 44                   | 8             | 2        | 5                                     | 6               | { 13 51 C K                                    |
| St. Paul's, ....  | Bridgewater, }   | J. S. Covell, ..  | 94           | 27          | 4             | 1                         | 87                   | 15            | 26       | 6                                     | 100             | 145  |
| St. Mark's, ....  | Watertown, ...   | F. Holcomb, ..    | 52           | 7           | 1             | 3                         | 50                   | 3             | 11       | 6                                     | 30              | 4 65 S C K                                     |
| Christ, .....     | North Haven, }   | C. W. Bradley,    | 31           | 16          | 2             | 5                         | 45                   | 8             | 3        | 5                                     | 6               | 2 59 do.                                       |
| St. John's, ....  | Northford, }     | A. C. Morgan, ..  | 131          | 29          | 4             | 30                        | 160                  | 11            | 18       | 28                                    | 32              | 231 05   |
| St. Andrew's...   | Waterbury, ...   |                   | 40           |             |               |                           | 35                   |               | 1        |                                       |                 |  |
| St. John's, ....  | Oxford, .....    | C. Smith, .....   | 50           |             |               |                           | 45                   |               | 2        |                                       |                 |  |
| St. Peter's, }    |                  |                   |              |             |               |                           |                      |               |          |                                       |                 |  |
| Christ, .....     | East Haddam, }   | S. Beach, ...     | 5            | 6           | 4             | 1                         | 59                   | 10            | 6        | 5                                     | 12              | 60   |
| St. Stephen's...  | Essex, }         |                   | 18           | 5           | 14            | 4                         | 49                   | 19            | 5        | 20                                    | 9               | 48   |
| St. John's, ....  | Meriden, .....   | R. A. Hallam,     | 59           | 14          | 9             | 35                        | 7                    | 113           | 22       | 9                                     | 13              | 10   |
| St. Andrew's...   | Brooklyn, }      | E. B. Kellogg }   | 25           | 9           | 3             | 8                         | 5                    | 43            | 12       | 3                                     | 4               | 8  |
| Trinity, .....    | Pomfret, }       |                   | 20           | 12          | 4             | 9                         | 2                    | 32            | 15       | 2                                     | 5               | 17   |
| Christ, .....     | Glastenbury,     | T. J. Davis, ...  | 45           | 12          | 5             | 6                         | 2                    | 56            | 9        | 12                                    | 13              | 9  |
| St. Luke's, ....  | Stamford, .....  | A. S. Todd, ...   | 39           | 8           | 17            | 3                         | 130                  | 7             | 13       | 6                                     | 10              | 60   |
| St. John's, ....  | Hitchcocksville, |                   | 25           | 5           | 2             | 13                        | 3                    | 22            | 7        | 1                                     | 16              | 60 D & F M.                                    |
| Union, .....      | Wallingford, ... | W. A. Curtis,     | 90           | 31          | 13            | 23                        | 11                   | 68            | 21       | 8                                     | 18              | 10 50 C K.                                     |
| St. Paul's, ....  | Bristol,         |                   | 27           | 1           | 5             | 5                         | 26                   | 3             | 1        |                                       |                 |  |
| All Saints, ....  | Wolcott, }       | G. C. V. East-    | 36           | 2           | 2             | 12                        | 44                   | 19            | 1        | 1                                     |                 |  |
|                   | Harwinton, }     | man,              | 10           | 1           |               |                           |                      |               |          |                                       |                 |  |

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*New-Milford*, St. John's Church.  
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*Woodbury*, St. Paul's Church.  
*Roxbury*, ——— Church.  
*Bethlehem*, Christ Church.  
*Wartown*, Christ Church.  
*Canaan*, ——— Church.  
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| Christ, .....     | Hartford, .....   | G. Burgess, ...        | 172          | 33          | 11         | 65                       | 33           | 242 | 36       | 10       | 23                   | 25                 | 140    | 428 D & F M; &<br>[168 92 S C K          |
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| St. Peter's, .... | New Milford, ..   | D. Burhans, D D        | 80           | 16          | 2          | 13                       | 4            | 90  | 12       | 24       | 20                   | 100                |        | 40 D & F M                               |
| St. John's, ....  | Brookfield, }     | E. Huntington,         | 45           | 14          | 4          | 16                       |              | 44  | 8        | 2        | 5                    | 6                  | 35     | { 29 do;                                 |
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| St. Andrew's, ..  | Brooklyn, ....    | T. J. Davis, ...       | 20           | 12          | 4          | 9                        | 2            | 32  | 15       | 2        | 5                    | 5                  | 17     | 22 20 09                                 |
| Trinity, .....    | Pomfret, .....    | A. S. Todd, ....       | 45           | 12          | 5          | 6                        | 2            | 56  | 9        | 12       | 13                   | 9                  | 54     |  |
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| St. Luke's, ....  | Stamford, .....   | .....                  | 25           | 5           | 2          | 13                       | 8            | 22  |          |          |                      |                    |        |  |
| St. John's, ....  | Hitchcockville, } | W. A. Curtis,          | 90           | 31          | 13         | 23                       | 11           | 68  | 21       | 8        | 18                   | 16                 | 80     | 10 50 C K.                               |
| Union, .....      | Wallingford, ...  | G. C. V. East-<br>man, | 27           | 1           | 2          | 12                       | 26           | 44  | 19       | 1        |                      |                    |        |  |
| St. Paul's, ....  | Bristol, {        |                        | 36           | 2           |            |                          |              |     |          |          |                      |                    |        |  |
| All Saints, ....  | Wolcott, {        |                        | 10           | 1           |            |                          |              |     |          |          |                      |                    |        |  |
|                   | Harwinton, }      |                        |              |             |            |                          |              |     |          |          |                      |                    |        |  |

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*The Convention Fund in account with William Jarvis, DR.*

| 1832.    |  | dols.       | cts.      |
|----------|--|-------------|-----------|
| June 21. | To Blank Book for transcribing the Journals of the Convention, | 3           | 50        |
|          | “ Transcribing Journal,  | 1           | 00        |
|          | “ Postage, 25 cts.—Advertising \$2,                            | 2           | 25        |
|          | “ Paid Rev. Dr. Kemper,  | 20          | 40        |
|          |  | <u>\$27</u> | <u>15</u> |

| 1832.    | CR.  | dols.       | cts.      |
|----------|--|-------------|-----------|
| June 21. | By former balance in the hands of the Treasurer, | 5           | 65        |
|          | “ Cash received from Norwich,                    | 3           | 50        |
|          | “ “ Newtown,                                     | 3           | 25        |
|          | “ “ New Haven,                                   | 11          | 00        |
|          | “ “ Reading,                                     | 2           | 50        |
|          | “ “ Danbury,                                     | 1           | 25        |
|          |  | <u>\$27</u> | <u>15</u> |

*The Convention Fund in account with Jackson Kemper; DR.*

| 1834.    |  | dols.       | cts.      |
|----------|--|-------------|-----------|
| Oct. 15. | To Cash paid to the Treasurer of the Society for the Promotion of C. K. being the amount of the assessment on this Diocese for the Gen. Con. Fund in 1832, | 45          |           |
| Nov. 51. | To Cash paid W. D. Starr, for printing 700 copies Journal of Convention, 1834,   | 47          | 00        |
|          | doing up Journals,   | 1           | 00        |
|          | balance in the hands of the Treasurer,   | 6           | 95        |
|          |  | <u>\$99</u> | <u>95</u> |

| Oct. 15. | CR.                              | dols.       | cts.      |
|----------|----------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
|          | By Cash received at Convention,— |             |           |
|          | from Saybrook,                   | 5           | 50        |
|          | Newtown,                         | 3           | 25        |
|          | Plymouth, St. Peter's,           | 2           | 25        |
|          | Meriden,                         | 2           | 25        |
|          | Humphreysville,                  | 1           | 50        |
|          | Norwalk,                         | 6           | 00        |
|          | Stratford,                       | 2           | 00        |
|          | Salisbury,                       | 1           | 25        |
|          | Sharon,                          | 1           | 25        |
|          | Glastenbury,                     | 2           | 00        |
|          | Kent,                            | 1           | 00        |
|          | Milton & Bradleyville,           | 1           | 50        |
|          | Wallingford,                     | 2           | 50        |
|          | New Haven,                       | 12          | 00        |
|          | Derby,                           | 2           | 50        |
|          | Wilton,                          | 3           | 40        |
|          | Hamden,                          | 2           | 00        |
|          | Waterbury,                       | 2           | 50        |
|          | Hartford,                        | 6           | 00        |
|          | Naugatuck,                       | 1           | 25        |
|          | Norwich,                         | 3           | 50        |
|          | Hitchcocksville,                 |             | 75        |
|          | Watertown,                       | 2           | 50        |
|          | Guilford,                        | 1           | 20        |
|          | Bridgeport,                      | 4           | 00        |
|          | Chatham,                         | 3           | 00        |
|          | Parish not recollected,          | 2           | 40        |
|          | Balance from former treasurer,   | 20          | 40        |
|          |                                  | <u>\$99</u> | <u>95</u> |





## JOURNAL OF THE CONVENTION, 1837.

NEW HAVEN, JUNE 13TH, 1837.

THIS being the day appointed by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Connecticut, for the Annual Convention of the same, the Right Rev. Thomas Church Brownell, D. D. LL. D., Bishop of the Diocese, and several of the Clergy and Laity, assembled at 10 o'clock A. M. in Trinity Church, New Haven, which had previously been designated by the Bishop as the place of meeting.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Lemuel B. Hull, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Wallingford, and a Sermon delivered by the Rev. George Burgess, Rector of Christ Church, Hartford.

The Rev. Edward J. Darken, and the Rev. William Warland, Jr., were then admitted by the Bishop to the Holy Order of Priests; after which, the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Croswell, and the Rev. Messrs. Hull and Burgess, administered the holy Communion.

The services being concluded, the Convention was called to order by the Bishop.

The list of Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention, was then called, when the following gentlemen were found to be present, and took their seats as members:

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| The Rt. Rev. T. C. Brownell,<br>D. D. LL. D. | Rev. Alpheus Geer,        |
| Rev. David Baldwin,                          | " Frederick Holcomb,      |
| " Stephen Beach,                             | " Oliver Hopson,          |
| " Lorenzo T. Bennet,                         | " Lemuel B. Hull,         |
| " E. Edwards Beardsley,                      | " Enoch Huntington,       |
| " George Burgess,                            | " Edward Ingersoll,       |
| " Daniel Burhans, D. D.                      | " Edward J. Ives,         |
| " Riverius Camp,                             | " Samuel F. Jarvis, D. D. |
| " Jacob L. Clark,                            | " William Jarvis,         |
| " Gurdon S. Coit,                            | " Stephen Jewett,         |
| " Nathaniel E. Cornwall,                     | " Isaac Jones,            |
| " Joseph S. Covell,                          | " William C. Mead, D. D.  |
| " Harry Croswell, D. D.                      | " Allen C. Morgan,        |
| " Edward J. Darken,                          | " Joseph H. Nicholls,     |
| " Samuel M. Emery,                           | " Rodney Rossiter,        |
|  | " John H. Rouse,          |

Rev. Joseph Scott,  
 " Richard C. Shimeall,  
 " David H. Short,  
 " John D. Smith,  
 " Samuel C. Stratton,  
 " David G. Tomlinson,

Rev. Silas Totten,  
 " William Watson,  
 " John W. Woodward,  
 " William Warland, Jr.  
 " Alfred Lee.

The Rev. Mr. Morgan and W. W. Boardman, Esq., were appointed a committee to receive and examine the testimonials of the Lay Delegates.

The Convention then adjourned to meet in St. Paul's Chapel, at 3 o'clock P. M.

**ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL, TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 3 O'CLOCK.**

The Convention met according to adjournment.

The committee to whom were referred the testimonials of the Lay Delegates, reported that the following persons had been duly elected to represent their respective Parishes in this Convention:

William Spencer, Christ Church, Guilford,  
 Justus L. Bush, Christ Church, Greenwich,  
 Abraham Beecher, } Christ Church, Bethany,  
 \*Hezekiah Thomas, }  
 Truman Davis, } St. Michael's Church, Naugatuck,  
 \*Calvin Wooding, }  
 Jesse Ives, } Union Church, Hitchcocksville,  
 \*George O. Jarvis, }  
 Scovell M. Buckingham, } St. John's Church, Waterbury,  
 Leonard Platt, }  
 Benjamin F. Judd, } St. Peter's Church, Plymouth,  
 \*Chester L. Carrington, }  
 Joseph H. Gregory, } St. James' Church, Danbury,  
 Reuben Booth, }  
 Orlando Walker, Trumbull,  
 Eli F. Rogers, Trinity Church, Branford,  
 Joel Foot, } St. Peter's Church, Hebron,  
 \*Zachariah Cone, }  
 \*Ezra Stiles, } St. John's Church, North Haven,  
 Stephen C. Gilbert, }  
 William G. Hyer, St. Paul's Church, Norwalk,  
 Samuel Cooper, } Christ Church, Middletown,  
 Noah A. Phelps, }  
 William W. Boardman, }  
 John B. Robertson, } Trinity Parish, New Haven,  
 Levi H. Young, }  
 Enos A. Prescott, }  
 Nathaniel Wooster, } Christ Church, Oxford,  
 \*George A. Tomlinson, }  
 Aner Bradley, } Christ Church, Watertown,  
 Russell S. Beers, }  
 Henry Smith, St. Stephen's Church, Ridgefield,  
 Chevers Brainard, } St. Stephen's Church, East Haddam,  
 \*Moses B. Wright, }  
 John Bishop, Christ Church, East Haven,  
 Jonathan Godfrey, Jr., Trinity Church, Fairfield,  
 Josiah Nettleton, Union Church, Humphreysville,  
 George Gilbert, St. James' Church, Westville,\*  
 Charles C. Warner, } Trinity Church, Newtown,  
 Beach Camp, }  
 Charles Townsend, Middlebury.

The Report of the committee was accepted by the Convention.

The Convention also admitted to a seat in this house, to represent their respective Parishes, the following gentlemen; satisfactory evidence having been produced that they were duly elected, although from various causes they had not furnished the committee with the testimonials required by the Constitution :

William Hinman, St. Peter's, Oxford,  
Asa J. Driggs, St. Peter's, Cheshire,  
Thomas S. Shelton, St. Paul's, Huntington,  
Cyprian Nicholls, Christ Church, Hartford,  
Nathaniel Clark, Grace Church, Saybrook,  
Joseph Nettleton, St. James' Church, Newtown.

The roll of the Lay Delegates was then called, and the above named gentlemen took their seats in the Convention, with the exception of those to whose names an asterisk is prefixed.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of a *Secretary*, when, on counting the ballots, it appeared that the Rev. Allen C. Morgan was chosen.

A. B. Chapin, Esq. was, *on motion*, appointed Assistant Secretary.

The Rev. Robert A. Hallam and the Rev. L. H. Corson appeared and took their seats.

The Rt. Rev. The Bishop, pursuant to the 51st Canon of the General Convention, then delivered the following address.

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## ADDRESS.

### MY BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY, AND OF THE LAITY :

In consequence of a change in the Constitution of the Diocese, it is only about eight months since the last annual meeting of the Convention. At the time of our session in October last, my visitations for the season were nearly completed, and it is but a short period since the state of the weather and the roads has permitted the renewal of them for the current year. The record of services, performed within the Diocese, which I have now to lay before you, must therefore be more brief than usual. But, during the usual respite from my Episcopal labours, when I would gladly have devoted my time to study, and to the care of my family, the providence of God has directed my steps to a far distant portion of the Church. When spending the winter in New Orleans, two years before, I had been instrumental in collecting together the scattered Episcopalians of that city, and in encouraging their exertions for the erection of a new house of worship. At the close of the last autumn, the edifice was nearly completed, but the Parish was yet without a Pastor, and I was urgently requested by the Vestry once more to visit the city, to consecrate the new Church, to aid in reassembling a congregation preparatory to the sale of the pews, and to assist in procuring a permanent Rector. The measure of success which attended these efforts encourages the hope, that they were favoured and blessed by the great Head of the Church.

After an absence of five months from my Diocese, and home, it is with no ordinary emotions that I find myself again permitted to renew my intercourse with my brethren of the Clergy and Laity of Connecticut, and to meet so many of them in Convention at this time. May our hearts be penetrated with gratitude and love to that great and good Being, who has kept us in safety

during our separation, and who has brought us together again, on this occasion, under so many circumstances of mercy.

Since the last Convention I have visited *twenty-eight* Parishes, in *eleven* of which no services which pertain exclusively to the Episcopal office, were required. Should my health be preserved, I hope to visit all the Parishes of the Diocese, during the current season:—a tour of duty which, with few exceptions, I have been able to accomplish each year since my withdrawal from the charge of Washington College. But it becomes a question of considerable moment, whether such frequent visitations are really useful to the Parishes? I certainly deem it useful annually to become acquainted with the condition of each particular Parish: and it affords me, personally, much gratification annually to meet each of my brethren of the Clergy, in his own domestic circle, to see the faces of my brethren of the Laity, and to enjoy the hospitality and kindness which, on such occasions, I never fail to experience. Yet it may reasonably be questioned, whether such frequent visitations do not diminish the interest which would otherwise be attached to them? I would especially call the attention of the Clergy and of the Convention to this question, in reference to the holy rite of Confirmation. When that rite is administered annually, there will be, of course, but a small number to receive it. Does not the smallness of the number sometimes detract from the interest which the clergyman and the congregation would otherwise attach to the administration of it? When it is felt, too, that the rite may be received the very next season, does not this consideration sometimes lead to a postponement of the preparation for it to another, and another, and another year? And do not such frequent visitations sometimes become rather opportunities for the gratification of private friendship, than occasions for the performance of official duties? The question here presented is one on which my own mind is not yet definitively settled. I leave it with my brethren for their future consideration and ultimate counsel.

Of the twenty-eight Parishes visited since the Convention held in October last, confirmations have been held in the following, viz.:

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| St. Matthew's, (Plymouth), . . . . . | 4  | Northford, . . . . .   | 11 |
| Wolcott, . . . . .                   | 6  | Guilford, . . . . .    | 5  |
| Northfield, . . . . .                | 8  | Meriden, . . . . .     | 1  |
| Watertown, . . . . .                 | 5  | Wallingford, . . . . . | 3  |
| Waterbury, . . . . .                 | 15 | Middletown, . . . . .  | 6  |
| Naugatuck, . . . . .                 | 4  | Norwich, . . . . .     | 6  |
| Middlebury, . . . . .                | 4  | Salem, . . . . .       | 2  |
| Hamden, . . . . .                    | 4  | New London, . . . . .  | 5  |
| North Haven, . . . . .               | 13 |                        |    |

I have to report the following ordinations to the holy office of the Priesthood, since the last meeting of the Convention, viz.: The Rev. William Watson, in Trinity Church, Northfield, on the 17th of October; the Rev. Thomas S. Savage, in St. Michael's Church, Naugatuck, on the 23d; and the Rev. Eben Edwards Beardsley, in St. Peter's Church, Cheshire, on the 24th of the same month; the Rev. Samuel M. Emery, in Trinity Church, Chatham, on the 14th of May; and the Rev. Albert Spooner, in St. James' Church, New London, on the 25th of that month.

On the 21st of May, in Christ Church, Norwich, I admitted Mr. Alfred Lee, late a member of the senior class in the General Theological Seminary, to the Holy Order of Deacons; and this day I have admitted the Rev. Edward J. Darken, and the Rev. William Warland, Jr., to the Holy Order of Priests.

But one Church has been consecrated, in this Diocese, since our last meeting—Trinity Church, in the Parish of Northfield. Two others—St. John's Church, Bridgeport, and St. John's Church, New Milford—are nearly ready for consecration; and four more are in the progress of erection.

The changes which have taken place in the location of the Clergy, are less numerous than during the preceding year. The Rev. Amos B. Beach has taken a dismissory Letter, and removed to the diocese of New York. The Rev. Josiah M. Bartlett has resigned the Parish of Brooklyn, on account of ill health. The Rev. Silas Blaisdale has accepted the charge of the Parish of Salem; and



removed to that place. The Rev. Jacob L. Clark has removed to Waterbury, having been appointed to the Rectorship of that Parish. The Rev. William A. Curtis has resigned the charge of the Parish of Windham. The Rev. Thomas J. Davis has removed to the Parish of New Britain. The Rev. William Jarvis has resigned the Rectorship of Trinity Church, Chatham, on account of protracted ill health, and the Rev. Samuel M. Emery has been appointed his successor. The Rev. Mr. Eastman has resigned the Rectorship of Grace Church, Saybrook. The Rev. William Watson has accepted the Rectorship of St. Peter's Church, Plymouth, and has removed to that place. The Rev. Dr. Wheaton has accepted the Rectorship of Christ Church, New Orleans, and has been succeeded in the Presidency of Washington College by the Rev. Silas Totten, late a Professor in that Institution.

The number of officiating Clergy in the Diocese has been considerably increased by accessions from other Dioceses. The Rev. Hilliard Bryant, of the Diocese of New York, and late a Missionary to Greece, is now officiating in the Parishes of Milton and Bradleyville. The Rev. Thomas Clark, from the same Diocese, is officiating in the Parish of Huntington. The Rev. Charles Cleveland, with dismissory Letters from the Diocese of Vermont, has been appointed to the charge of St. John's Church, East Windsor. The Rev. William Warland, Jr., with dismissory Letters from the Diocese of Massachusetts, is officiating as Minister of Grace Church, Saybrook. The Rev. Mr. Snow, from the last mentioned Diocese, has been appointed to the Rectorship of the Parishes of Northfield and Bethlem, and has accepted that charge; and the Rev. Caleb I. Good, from the Diocese of Pennsylvania, has accepted and entered on the Professorship of Ancient Languages in Washington College. The Rev. Thomas S. Savage has been received into this Diocese, with a dismissory Letter from the Bishop of Virginia, and is now, with great self-devotion, officiating as a Missionary on the coast of Africa.

Shortly after the last session of Convention, the Rev. Reuben Ives, of Cheshire, departed this life. He died in a good old age, after many years of arduous service in the ministry. Thus the early fathers of the Church in this Diocese,—a Mansfield, a Tyler, a Shelton, a Bronson, a Prindle, and an Ives,—are called to give an account of their stewardship to the Great Shepherd and Bishop of souls, while a younger generation has entered on their labours. May we not fall behind them in faithfulness, and zeal, and love for the Church of Christ, which he purchased with his blood!

The following persons are now candidates for holy orders in this Diocese, viz:—David Ogden, George A. Sterling, James Madison Thompson, (a coloured man in Liberia,) Solomon G. Hitchcock, Ferdinand Rogers, William B. Ashley, Henry Fitch, Andrew H. Cornish, Abel Nichols, Thomas G. Salter, William Payne, N. S. Richardson, William G. Hyer, Stephen Reed, Isaac H. Tuttle, J. Henry Elliott, Charles Prindle, Paschal P. P. Kidder, Thomas Clapp Pitkin, Martin Moody, Zebadiah Hyde Mansfield, James Roosevelt Bailey, Alonzo B. Chapin, Henry B. Sherman, and James D. Mead,—25.

Mr. Warner Hoyt and Mr. Edwin M. Van Deusen, candidates for orders in this Diocese, have been transferred to the Diocese of Maryland.

During my late visit to New Orleans, I consecrated the new edifice of Christ Church, in that city, and confirmed thirteen persons. I also confirmed twenty persons in the Church at Mobile, on the 26th of February last.

I have thus laid before you, brethren, a general account of the affairs of the Diocese, including a summary statement of the Episcopal duties I have performed since the last Convention. From the facts thus presented, in connexion with the Parochial Reports, and the Report of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, you will be enabled to form a tolerably correct estimate of the condition of that portion of the Church of Christ entrusted to our more especial care. I desire more particularly to call the notice of the Convention to some considerations connected with the last mentioned Report, and to the instrumentality of that Society in promoting the growth of the Diocese.

It is now almost eighteen years since I was called to my present charge. At that time, there were only *seven* Parishes capable of supporting the entire ser-

vices of a Clergyman. There are now *twenty-four* of this class, and the additional seventeen Parishes have nearly or quite all been aided, in some stage of their progress, by the funds of the Society for the promotion of Christian Knowledge. *Nine* more Parishes, which a short time since were united in *pluralities*, have been enabled, by grants of from fifty to one hundred dollars each, from the same Society, to enjoy, for the past year, the exclusive services of their several Pastors. It is trusted that nearly all these Parishes will soon be strong enough to dispense with such assistance. *Ten* more Parishes, at the least, might be added to this class, if the Society was enabled to afford them the same amount of assistance. *Twelve* weaker Parishes have received assistance from the Society, of from thirty to one hundred dollars each,—all but two of which have enjoyed the services of a Clergyman at least half of the time. Brethren, these are interesting statistics. I hope they will arrest the attention of the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese, and draw their reflections to a subject which has hitherto engaged, I fear, too little of their interest. When they see how much has already been done by the Society, with the blessing of God on the limited means at its disposal; when they consider how much yet remains to be done within the Diocese, and of which much may assuredly be effected by the ordinary blessing of Divine Providence on human exertions; I trust they will become engaged in the work with a spirit and a zeal proportioned to its importance. A Parish, with only occasional services, may have its existence prolonged, and under favourable circumstances may perhaps be increased; but it can never be expected to attain a due degree of external prosperity, or of internal spirituality, till it shall enjoy the entire and exclusive services of a Pastor. To this consummation our efforts should be steadily directed, in caring for the welfare of that portion of the Church committed to our charge. Out of about *ninety* Parishes in the Diocese, it appears that only *thirty-three* yet enjoy the entire services of a Pastor,—and nine of these through the assistance of the Society. The remainder are united in pluralities, of two or three in a cure. Several of them, indeed, have long been without any regular supply. To give each Parish in the Diocese its appropriate Pastor, would require more than *forty additional Clergymen*.

But, in addition to these considerations, there are more than sixty towns in the State, in which no Episcopal congregation has yet been organized. In the present state of the religious community,—when the unfounded prejudices against the Episcopal Church are so rapidly melting away before the steady light of her example, and when the alternate extravagances and apathy, the fluctuations and divisions, which have prevailed among other Christian denominations, have created so general a distrust in their stability and correctness, I do not hesitate to say, that there is hardly one of these towns, possessing any considerable population, where an Episcopal Parish might not readily be established, with promising prospects of success. In the infancy of such Parishes, missionary assistance would doubtless be required. Nearly all our existing Parishes have been fostered and built up in this way; and there can be no reason to doubt the efficacy of a method which has hitherto proved so successful. In many of the towns to which I have here alluded, a considerable portion of the inhabitants live in the habitual neglect of public worship on the Lord's day;—not so much for the want of public religious ministrations in their vicinity, as from a want of confidence, or of interest, in those ministrations. It is firmly believed that the doctrines and worship of the Episcopal Church would meet a more favourable reception, and that the establishment of her institutions in those towns would produce a salutary improvement in the religious and moral state of their population.

Much interest has been justly felt in the support of Missions in the Western States. There is indeed a great destitution of the means of sound religious instruction in those States; but I know of no portion of the western country where new congregations can be more readily organized, or more speedily and successfully built up, than in many towns in the State of Connecticut. It is not my purpose, however, to make invidious comparisons. I would not weaken the interest which is taken in the religious welfare of any portion of our country, nor check the sympathy which is felt for the privations of the inhabit-

ants of heathen lands: my sole object is to call your attention to works of charity that are near us,—even at our doors, and within our own household.

There is another topic which I have often brought to the notice of the Convention, and which I cannot cease to reiterate till I see the Diocese fairly awakened to its importance:—I allude to the education of our youth, under auspices favourable to the interests of the Church. It is well known to you, how much the Church has suffered, and how much her growth has been retarded, by the prevalence of adverse influences. It is well known to you, that many of our primary schools are even now tinctured with this adverse influence, and that many of our books of elementary instruction are deeply imbued with it. If we can see no immediate remedy for these evils, they may perhaps be checked, by a due exercise of parental vigilance and caution. But in regard to our higher seminaries of learning, we have in some good degree thrown off the shackles of dependence. In reference to this point, I take leave to congratulate the Convention on the successful issue of our exertions for the resuscitation of the Episcopal Academy at Cheshire. Since our last meeting, that Institution has recommenced its operations with distinguished success; and, under its present efficient Principal, it bids fair to become an important auxiliary to Washington College, and an instrument of great good to the Church. Other, more private schools, are in successful operation, under the charge of individual Clergymen, which will coöperate, in their several spheres, to the same useful ends.

I also take leave to congratulate the Convention on the present auspicious prospects of Washington College. It was feared, indeed, that the resignation of the Rev. President Wheaton, who had devoted several years of faithful labour in its service, might prove injurious to its prosperity. But the Board of Trustees promptly supplied the vacancy, by the appointment of the Rev. Silas Totten,—a gentleman in whose talents, learning, discretion, zeal, and piety, the Church may repose implicit confidence. The large accession of students, which has marked the commencement of his administration, is but an earnest, I trust, of the success which will continue to attend it, and of the future prosperity of the College. I earnestly recommend the Institution to the liberal support and patronage of the Church, as one of the most efficient instruments for increasing her ministry, extending her influence, and advancing her prosperity.

The interests of the *Church Scholarship Society* are intimately connected with those of the College, and with the increase of the Church. On this subject I expressed my sentiments so fully, in a charge delivered at the last annual Convention, that I trust I need only recall the Institution to your remembrance, and again commend it to your fostering care.

The Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, the Episcopal Academy, Washington College, and the Church Scholarship Society, all derive their origin from the deliberations of the Convention of this Diocese. They have all afforded convincing evidence of the wisdom and forecast which led to their establishment, and have all been eminently useful to the Church. To the parent which brought them into existence, and to the Church whose interests they subserve, they may justly look for favour and support.

The more general Institutions of the Church,—the Theological Seminary, the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and the Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union, derive their existence from the General Convention. Instituted for the benefit of the whole Church, they are entitled to the support of every portion of it; and I trust that this Diocese will never be found backward in sustaining Institutions which have already given such undoubted earnest of their subserviency to the cause of the Redeemer.

But, Brethren, though it is an important object of our legislation to advance the external prosperity of the Church, we are constantly to bear in mind that all this prosperity is hollow and deceptive, unless it be attended by a proportionate degree of internal spirituality. Hence, in all our efforts to promote the former object, the advancement of the latter is to be kept steadily in view. In our legislation for the Diocese, in all our measures for the welfare of the several Parishes, in all our pastoral labours, in all our prayers to the throne of grace, and in the entire ordering of our private lives, it should be our great



concern and hearty desire that the external growth of the Church should be attended with a corresponding increase in the prevalence of evangelical principles and practical piety.

THOMAS CHURCH BROWNELL.

New Haven, June 13, 1837.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Rules of Order followed by the last Convention be adopted as the rules for the present Convention.

#### RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced by prayer.
2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand, unless to address the chair.
3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention, unless he have leave from the house.
4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall with due respect address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.
5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.
6. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and shall not be again drawn into debate during the same session.
7. While the President is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the house, or read any book.
8. Every member who shall be in the Convention when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be particularly interested in the decision.
9. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless it be seconded, and reduced to writing when required.
10. When any question is before the Convention, it shall be determined on before any thing new is introduced, except for adjournment.
11. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.
12. When the Convention is to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leave the chair.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, belonging to other Dioceses, and candidates for Holy Orders, who may be in town during the session of this Convention, be admitted to a seat in the same.

Pursuant to this resolution, the  
 Rev. Charles W. Bradley, }  
 Rev. William H. Walter, } of the Diocese of New York,  
 Rev. C. Sprague Henry, }  
 and Mr. A. B. Chapin,  
 took their seats in the Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Jarvis presented his report as Treasurer of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge; which, on motion, was referred to a Committee to be audited.

Messrs. Fox and Adams were appointed the Committee.

The Rev. Dr. Jarvis also presented a statement\* on the behalf of the same Society, which was accepted, and the following resolutions were proposed and adopted.

\* This statement will be found in the Appendix devoted to the affairs of said Society.

*Resolved*, As the opinion of this Convention, that all the objects of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, as specified in the Report of the Treasurer now read, are, in the highest degree, important, and, as such, require the united exertions of the Clergy and Laity in the Diocese.

*Resolved*, That as the means of the Church are not sufficient at present to accomplish them all, the attention of the Church be mainly directed to the better support of the Christian Ministry.

*Resolved*, That it be made the duty of every Parish in this Diocese, however small its means may be, to introduce frequent collections as a mean of systematic charity, and that its members be exhorted to give, every one according to his ability, and as God has prospered him.

*Resolved*, That such proportion of these offerings as each Society may devote to the objects of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, shall be paid over by each Clergyman to the Treasurer, twice a year; viz., at the time of the Annual Convention, so as to meet the payments to the Clergy at Michaelmas, and at Christmas, or as soon thereafter as practicable, to meet the payments to be made at Easter.

*On motion*, The Secretary was appointed the Treasurer of this Convention.

The Treasurer then made a report concerning the embarrassed state of the Treasury, and the demand upon it.

Whereupon, Messrs. Boardman, Bush, and Ives, were appointed a Committee to take the subject of the contingent expenses into consideration.

Pursuant to the 6th Canon of the Diocese, the Rev. Dr. Jarvis presented the following abstract of the proceedings of the Standing Committee, which was read and approved.

#### ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

*Abstract of the proceedings of the Standing Committee, from the Convention of 1836 to the Convention of 1837.*

The first meeting of the Standing Committee was held in Hartford, on the day of its election, October 12th, 1836. Present all the members. The Rev. Dr. Croswell was chosen President, and the Rev. Dr. Jarvis, Secretary.

The second meeting was held in Hartford, on the 4th of May, 1837. Present all the members excepting the President.

Testimonials having been presented in due form, in favour of James Roosevelt Bailey, he was recommended to the Bishop as a candidate for Holy Orders. Regular Canonical testimonials having been presented in favour of Alfred Lee, a candidate for Holy Orders, the Standing Committee proceeded to sign his testimonials for Deacon's Orders.

Canonical testimonials having been presented in favour of the Rev. Albert Spooner, and the Rev. Samuel Moody Emery, Deacons, the testimonials of the said Rev. A. Spooner and Samuel M. Emery were signed, recommending them to the Bishop as worthy to be admitted to the sacred Order of Priests.

Testimonials having been presented in favour of the Rev. Edward J. Darken, M. D., and doubts have arisen whether the Wardens' names were or were not omitted, these being considered as included under the term "Vestry," in the 2d Section of the 15th Canon, the Standing Committee having full faith that it was only an oversight, proceeded to sign the testimonials of the said Rev. E. J. Darken, recommending him for Priest's Orders, but directed their Secretary to request the signature of the other members of the Vestry, and to deliver the testimonials when such request should be complied with.\*

\* The Secretary accordingly wrote to Mr. Darken, and having received the certificate of the Wardens in Canonical form, the omission having proceeded from a misconception of the Canon, the testimonials were delivered.

The third meeting was held in New Haven, June 13th, 1837. Present all the members excepting the Rev. Mr. Paddock.

Testimonials having been presented in favour of Alonzo B. Chapin and Henry Beers Sherman, they were recommended as candidates for Holy Orders. Testimonials in due form, excepting the omission of dates, in favour of George A. Sterling, having been presented, he was recommended to the Bishop for Deacon's Orders.

Testimonials having been presented, in due form, excepting the omission of dates, in favour of the Rev. William Warland, Jr., and the Rev. D. H. Short, Deacons, they were recommended to the Bishop for the Holy Order of Priests.

The irregularities respecting the insertion of dates, mentioned above, induce the Standing Committee to call the attention of the Convention to this subject. In some cases the day of the month is not inserted, and in almost all, the Wardens and Vestrymen are named, without mentioning the name of the Parish which they represent. Adjourned *sine die*.

SAMUEL FARMAR JARVIS, *Secretary*.

*On motion*, the Rev. Mr. Hull was appointed to receive the sums due from the several Parishes, on the assessment for making up the deficiency in the Bishop's salary.

*On motion*, the Convention adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Convention met according to adjournment, and after prayers by the Secretary, the roll was called.

The minutes of the preceding day were read and approved.

The Committee on the Lay Delegates, reported the names of the following gentlemen, as entitled to represent their respective Parishes, and they were accordingly admitted to a seat in this Convention.

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| Asa Curtis, Christ Church, Stratford, |                                  |
| Munson H. Hyde,                       | } St. John's Church, Bridgeport, |
| Alexander Hamilton,                   |                                  |
| Jonathan Buckley, Huntington,         |                                  |
| Joseph Hall,                          | } Trinity Church, Chatham,       |
| Daniel Russell,                       |                                  |
| Peter Tomlinson,                      | } Derby.                         |
| Levi Hotchkiss,                       |                                  |

The Rev. Dr. Jarvis offered the following Resolution, which was considered and adopted.

*Resolved*, That until the primitive and Apostolic practice of Communion on every Lord's day be revived in our Church, it be recommended to the Clergy, whenever collections are made as the "offerings of the Church," to use the prayer for the whole state of Christ's Church militant.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee for the ensuing year, when the following gentlemen were elected :

REV. DR. CROSWELL,  
REV. DR. JARVIS,  
REV. MR. HULL,  
REV. MR. PADDOCK,  
REV. MR. BURGESS.

The Committee to whom was referred the accounts of the Treasurer of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, made the following Report, which, on motion, was accepted.

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the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, having attended to their duty, find the accounts to be correct.

June 14, 1837.

JOEL FOOTE,  
RICHARD ADAMS.

The Committee on the subject of the contingent expenses, made a report, when, on motion, the following resolutions were passed :

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be directed to insert in the Journals a list of the delinquent Parishes, which, at the close of the present session, shall have neglected to contribute their proportion to the Convention fund, for the years 1836 and 1837.

*Resolved*, That each Clergyman be hereafter made responsible for the payment of the assessment of one half per cent. on his salary annually, to the fund of the Convention, for defraying its expenses, which his Parish or Parishes are required to pay, by the provisions of the second Canon of the Diocese.

*Resolved*, That the list of delinquent Parishes be inserted, together with these Resolutions, in the "Chronicle of the Church," that the Parishes may be certified thereof.

The Rev. Dr. Croswell, in behalf of a Committee appointed by the Convocation of the Clergy, on the subject of the "Chronicle of the Church," presented the following Report, which being read, was accepted, and the accompanying resolutions were unanimously passed.

The Committee to whom the Convocation submitted the statement of A. B. Chapin, Esq., in relation to the "Chronicle of the Church," with directions to report to the Convention, have had the subject under consideration, and, while they leave to the Convention the opportunity of expressing their opinion as to the ability and judgment with which the publication has been conducted, they beg leave to offer the following Resolutions:

*Resolved*, That it is the duty of the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese, to make all due exertions to increase the subscriptions to the Chronicle.

*Resolved*, That for the purpose of conducing to the further improvement of the Chronicle, it be recommended to the friends of the Church, to aid the Editor by communications on such topics, connected with the interests of religion, as they may deem suitable and proper.

*Resolved*, That so much of the department of the Chronicle, under the head of Civil Summary, as relates to political events, may with propriety be omitted—while a brief and condensed notice of general occurrences, and especially those which may have some bearing on moral and religious subjects, should be retained under the head of "Chronicle of the Times."

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Jarvis, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be, and they hereby are returned to the Rev. George Burgess, Rector of Christ Church, Hartford, for his sermon delivered at the opening of the Convention.

*Resolved*, That the Bishop be requested to forward a copy of the Journals to such of the Bishops of the Churches of England, Scotland, and Ireland, and the Colonies of Great Britain, as he may deem it expedient so to address, with a request for an interchange of publications relative to the state of the Church.

*Resolved*, also, That the Bishop be requested to open a similar communication, at his discretion, with the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Sweden.

The Convention then adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 2 O'CLOCK.

Agreeable to adjournment, the Convention assembled, and, on motion, the calling of the Roll was dispensed with.

The Bishop read and submitted to the Convention a communication from the Rev. Ashbel Baldwin, resigning his office as a Trustee of the Episcopal Academy of Connecticut.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the Convention do accept of the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Baldwin, and that his letter be entered on the Journals.

(LETTER.)

*Stratford, June 13, 1837.*

*To the Rt. Rev. T. C. Brownell, Bishop of the Diocese of Connecticut:—*

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—I was much pleased to learn that the Convention would be holden in New Haven this summer, as my present stay would be so near, that I might possibly be able once more to meet with my brethren. I had made arrangements so to do. But in that I am much disappointed, as the weather is such that I dare not venture abroad. The least cold affects my eyes immediately, and produces much pain. In addition to an earnest desire once more to meet my Clerical and Lay Brethren, I wished to be present at their Annual Meeting, for the purpose of resigning my office as Trustee of the Episcopal Academy. I was made one of the Trustees of that Institution at its first organization, and for many years I never failed to attend its meetings; but for several years past my health has been so bad, that it has not been in my power to attend to any of its concerns. Will you have the goodness, Sir, to present me very affectionately to the members of the Convention, and request them to accept my resignation.

My dear Sir, when I first entered the Church, its condition was not very flattering. Surrounded by enemies on every side, and opposed with much virulence, her safety, and even her very existence, were at times somewhat questionable; but by the united and zealous exertions of its clergy, attended by the blessings of its great Founder, she has been preserved in safety through every storm, and now presents herself with astonishment to every beholder, not as a grain of mustard-seed, but as a beautiful tree, spreading its salubrious branches over our whole country. The Church, by a strict adherence to its ancient landmarks, its Priesthood, its Liturgy, and its Government, has been preserved from those schisms which seem to threaten the peace of a very respectable body of Christians in our country. May the same unanimity and zeal which animated our fathers still be preserved in the Church. My days of pilgrimage, I know, are almost closed, and I can do no more than to be in readiness, by the grace of God, to leave the Church militant in peace. May I be permitted, Sir, to ask the prayers of my Bishop and his Clergy, that my last days may be happy.

That your present meeting may eventuate in much good to the Church, is the sincere wish and fervent prayer of

Your Friend and Brother in Christ,

ASHBEL BALDWIN.

The Rev. Dr. Burhans made a communication to the Convention, resigning his office as Trustee of the Episcopal Academy of Connecticut.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the resignation of the Rev. Dr. Burhans be accepted, and that his communication be entered upon the Journals of the Convention.

(COMMUNICATION.)

*To the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in Session at New Haven, June 13, 1837.*

The subscriber, under a realizing sense of his advanced age, and the increasing infirmities which prevent him in some measure from the discharge of public services, hereby resigns his office as Trustee of the Episcopal Academy at Cheshire. He would avail himself of the present opportunity to express his grateful remembrance of the confidence and friendship expressed towards him, as testified by the many highly responsible offices bestowed upon him by

the suffrages of this respectable body. He would wish also to express the feelings that are kindled in his heart, when he reflects upon the past and looks forward to the future. At the early period of 1784, he united himself to the Protestant Episcopal Church, from a deep conviction of her Apostolic origin and evangelical doctrines, notwithstanding apparently insurmountable prejudices from daily misrepresentations of her polity and doctrines, overcome only by incontrovertible evidence. The Church was in a low and degraded state, similar to her depressed condition in the days of Elijah. There was no Episcopate in the United States—the ways of Zion mourned and few came to her altars. But on the return of Bishop Seabury from Europe, in the fall of 1784, clothed with Apostolic authority, the day-spring from on high visited this perishing vine; the Church arose from her degraded state, and put on the beautiful garments of praise. She has continued gradually to increase, until now we are permitted to behold 18 Bishops, and more than 800 Clergymen, labourers in the sacred vineyard. Still, we trust, is she destined to “lengthen her cords and strengthen her stakes,” in the far west, causing the wilderness to blossom as the rose, and sending to Africa and to China “the glorious Gospel of the blessed God.”

Again, in contrasting the past with the prospects of the future, what must be the feelings of an aged minister of the Church, as he retires from the scene of his public labours!

At the close of the Revolutionary war there were but ten Episcopal Clergymen in Connecticut; and even as late as when our present Diocesan took the charge of this Diocese, there were but thirty-four, where now we are permitted to see nearly eighty. Further, when he looks back, he remembers the time when there was not even an elementary school in this State, to train up young men for the sacred office. The first of this kind in the New England States, owes its origin to the venerable Seabury, and a few other individuals, who laid the foundation of the Episcopal Academy. For a series of years, under the faithful direction of Bowden, Smith, and Bronson, it sent forth many a labourer into the harvest of our Lord. Now, cheering is the sight to an aged minister of the Church; we have a number of Academies and Colleges under Episcopal influence, for training up the rising generation, free from the dangers of heresy and schism. To crown our brightening prospects, and to cause the ways of Zion to rejoice, and to cheer the declining days of an aged minister, we have a flourishing Theological Seminary, the prosperity of which is identified with the prosperity of the Church. Long may it flourish, and long may it continue to send forth its salutary streams to “make glad the city of our God.”

And now, Rt. Rev. Sir, and Brethren of the Clergy and Laity, permit an old man to express the feelings of his heart, when, as he casts his eye over this Convention, now assembled in this city, where forty-four years ago he was admitted to Priest's orders, he looks in vain for the venerable Seabury,—his fathers and cotemporaries, whose then united hearts and mingled voices implored heaven's benedictions upon him. Where are they? Gone to that bourne from which no traveller returns. That he is hastening to the same solemn change is to him an interesting thought. But his heart leaps with praise and thanksgiving, that he sees around him an increased number of faithful witnesses of primitive truth and order, engaged in the same sacred cause of bringing many sons to glory. With the consoling hope of one day meeting them in Paradise, “with the spirits of just men made perfect,” and with full confidence that the Apostolic faith will finally fill the world with glory, he says with good old Simeon: Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation. With this consolation he now bids you an affectionate farewell.

DANIEL BURHANS.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to nominate Trustees to fill the vacancies in the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut Episcopal Academy, occasioned by the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Baldwin, and the Rev. Dr. Burhans, and also by the decease of the Rev. Mr. Ives.

The Rev. Dr. ~~Creswell~~, the Rev. A. C. Morgan, and W. W. Boardman, Esq., were appointed the Committee, who after retiring, nominated as Trustees, the

REV. SAMUEL F. JARVIS, D. D.,  
REV. STEPHEN JEWETT,  
REV. LEMUEL B. HULL.

And these gentlemen were elected accordingly.

The Convention then proceeded to hear the Parochial Reports.

The Rev. James Sunderland appeared and took his seat.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Convention be given to the Rev. Mr. Hallam, for his sermon delivered last evening before the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

On motion, *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Parishes, at their Annual Meetings, to authorize the Rector, or if the Parish be vacant, the Wardens, in case the Delegates elected to attend the Annual Convention decline, to appoint a delegate, or delegates, who will attend.

The Convention then Resolved itself into the Church Scholarship Society, for the purpose of transacting the business of said Society, which being finished, the Convention reorganized.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Secretary, and Assistant Secretary, superintend the printing of the Journal.

On motion, *Resolved*, That 500 copies of the Journal be printed.

The Convention then united in singing the twenty-seventh hymn, and after appropriate prayers and the benediction by the Bishop, it adjourned *sine die*.

ALLEN C. MORGAN, *Secretary*.

T. C. BROWNELL, *President*.

## APPENDIX, NO. 1.

### PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

#### PARISH OF TRINITY CHURCH, INCLUDING TRINITY CHURCH AND ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL, NEW-HAVEN.

REV. H. CROSWELL, D. D., RECTOR, REV. L. T. BENNETT, ASSISTANT MINISTER.

Families, (about) 650; baptisms—infants, 21, adults, 14, total, 35; communicants—added, 34, present number, (about) 660; marriages, 23; burials, 60; Sunday School and Bible Class, no material variation; charitable contributions, \$862.93.

Since the meeting of the Convention in October last, nothing has occurred to change materially the state and prospects of the Parish. A steady increase is observable from year to year. No Confirmation has been held in the Parish since the last Report; but a large number will be ready for that ordinance at the next visitation of the Bishop. The "offerings of the Church," for the last eight months, have amounted to the sum mentioned in the Report, \$862.93.

#### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WATERBURY.

REV. J. L. CLARK, RECTOR.

Families, 135; baptisms—infants, 6, adult, 1; communicants—added 11, died or removed, 4, present number, 160; marriages, 6; burials, 9; Sunday School—teachers, 33, scholars, 150; missionary and charitable contributions—for Church Scholarship Society, \$106, S. P. C. K. \$25, African Mission, \$25; total, \$156.

The present Rector entered on his duties in the above named Parish the second Sunday after Easter; 5 of the baptisms, 1 marriage and 5 burials reported, were by him, the remainder were by the former Rector. A regular weekly Lecture is held in the Church.

#### ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WALLINGFORD.

REV. L. B. HULL, RECTOR.

Families, 97; baptisms—infant, 1, adults, 2; communicants—added, 5, died or removed, 6, present number, 65; confirmed, 3; marriages, 3; burials, 8; contributions to S. P. C. K. \$7.

The number of removals from the Parish has been greater than that of the accessions, which has reduced the number of families in the last Report. There is a small Sunday School and Bible Class in this Parish; but I regret to state that there is not that interest felt upon this subject which is desirable, and they do not meet with the encouragement necessary to make them flourish. And although this Parish does not manifest the zeal which could be wished, still, however, I trust that a gradual improvement is making in this respect.

The attendance upon public worship is good, and I have more hearers at my third service than heretofore.

#### CHRIST CHURCH, GUILFORD.

REV. L. H. CORSON, RECTOR.

Families, 60; baptisms—infants, 2; communicants—added, 3, present number, 70; confirmed, 5; marriage, 1; burials, 4; Sunday School—teachers, 14, scholars, 53; missionary and charitable contributions, \$57.39.



## ST. JAMES' CHURCH, DERBY.

REV. JOSEPH SCOTT, RECTOR.

Families, 104; baptisms—infants, 3; communicants—added, 5, died, 1, present number, 130; marriages, 7; burials, 12; Sunday School—teachers 14, scholars, 90; monthly offerings since the last Convention, \$44.16.

## ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, NAUGATUCK.

REV. OLIVER HOPSON, RECTOR.

Families, 75; communicants—added, 2, present number, 50; baptisms—adults, 2; confirmed, 4; marriage, 1; burials, 4; Sunday School—teachers 23, scholars, 90; books in library, 187; contributions—for Sunday School library, \$10.25, for charitable purposes, \$7, for Soc. for Prom. Chris. Kno. \$4. There are taken in this Parish, 20 copies of the Children's Magazine, 10 copies of the S. S. Visiter, and about 30 copies of the Chronicle of the Church.

The general prospects of this Parish are still encouraging. The average number of attendants upon the services of the Church have, of late, it is believed, been greater than at any former period. The Sunday School, owing to the enlightened zeal of the superintendent, and the active coöperation of the teachers, is in highly successful operation; and the unity of purpose and of action which has ever been manifested by the members of this Parish is highly worthy of commendation.

## — CHURCH, MIDDLEBURY.

REV. OLIVER HOPSON, RECTOR.

Families, 25; communicants—died or removed, 4, added, 6, present number, 27; baptisms—adults, 2, children, 7, total, 9; confirmed, 4; burial, 1; Sunday School—teachers, 6, scholars, 25; books in library, 67; contribution for Sunday School library, \$3.21. There is one copy of the Sunday School Visiter taken in the Parish, and 6 copies of the Chronicle of the Church.

I continue to officiate in this Parish one Sunday in four. Although there have been, as it will be seen, some additions to the communion, yet in consequence of several removals, the number upon the whole is not much increased. The Parish, however, has never been deemed in a more healthy state than it is at present; and the zeal, the exertions, and the hopes of its members, continue undiminished.

In addition to the usual services on Sundays, I have once in four weeks performed a third service at Guntown, a place about half way between Middlebury and Naugatuck; and these services have, in general, been well attended, and not unproductive, it is trusted, of some lasting benefits.

## ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MERIDEN.

REV. JOHN MARSHALL GUION, RECTOR.

Families, 65; baptisms—infants, 10; communicants—added, 7, died or removed, 3, present number, 108; confirmed, 1; marriages, 3; burials, 5; Sunday School—teachers, 14, scholars, 65; Bible Class, 35; missionary and charitable contributions, \$15.

Severe indisposition prevents my attendance at the present Convention. I avail myself, however, of the opportunity of complying as far as practicable with the requirement of the Canon.

No material difference exists between the state of the Parish at present and as it was when last reported; but the Rector must regret that its spiritual advancement has not fully realized his anticipations. Still he trusts the divine



blessing has attended his humble labours. The plan of making monthly collections of the "offerings of the Church" is still pursued; but these have been chiefly appropriated to the *necessities* of the Parish,—the amount reported being all that has been contributed to exterior objects,—the "annual collections for the benefit of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge" having not yet been made.

#### ST. PETER'S CHURCH, CHESHIRE.

REV. E. E. BEARDSLEY, RECTOR.

Families, 55; baptisms—infants, 3, adult, 1; communicants—added, 11, died or removed, 4, present number, 78; burials, 6; Sunday School—teachers, 10, scholars, 50; missionary and charitable contributions, \$18.76.

The Rector is encouraged to believe that this Parish is in a prosperous condition. The attendance upon the regular services of the Church is larger now than at any period since his connection with it: and in view of the perfect harmony which prevails among its members, and of the kindness and affection which they manifest toward their Pastor, he would only express his earnest desire that God would "visit with his love and favour" a congregation of so much spiritual zeal and apparent piety.

In addition to the stated services on Sunday, a third service has often been performed in various parts of the town; and during the season of Lent, a Lecture was held in the Academy every Friday evening, and well attended. The Sunday School continues in a flourishing state.

#### UNION CHURCH, HUMPHREYSVILLE.

REV. J. D. SMITH, RECTOR.

Families, 115; baptisms—infants 3; communicants—added, 8, died or removed, 10, present number, 68; marriages, 8; burials, 11; Sunday School—teachers, 10, scholars, 50; contribution to S. P. C. K. \$6.

The external condition of this Parish may be considered as flourishing. It is free from debt; and more has been subscribed the present year for the support of clerical services, than in any former year. The services of the Church are well attended, and much harmony seems to prevail among the parishioners.

#### ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, MILFORD.

REV. R. CAMP, RECTOR.

Families, 32; communicants—added, 6, died or removed, 3, present number, 47; marriage, 1; burials, 5.

#### CHRIST CHURCH, BETHANY.

REV. J. H. ROUSE, RECTOR.

Families, 100; baptisms—infants, 8, adults, 3; communicants—added, 11, died or removed, 8, present number, 99; marriages, 5; burials, 13; Sunday School—teachers, 14, scholars, 65; missionary and charitable contributions, \$35.

The state of this Parish, so far as human judgment can determine, may be said to be prosperous. Our congregations on the Lord's day have been, since my last Report, steadily increasing. Perfect harmony and unanimity, as well as a good degree of zeal, seem to prevail among the members. During the past season, there seemed to be a call for extra evening services, which, we hope, have been owned and blest of God. Special gratitude is due to the Great Head of the Church for his blessing upon us: to him belongs all the praise.

### CHRIST CHURCH, EAST HAVEN.

REV. EDWARD J. IVES, RECTOR.

Families, 52, including those who belong to the new Parish in Fair Haven; baptisms—children, 8; (four belonged to the family of Mr. Malachi Linsley, of Branford;) marriages, 6; burials, 4; Sunday School—scholars, between thirty and forty, teachers, 6. The monthly collections required have been made.

During the past year my professional labours have been thus divided. In the Parish of East Haven, half of the time. The same is limited in numbers, having been deprived, by death, of the usefulness and liberality of those who once sustained a prominent station in the Church. Though having had much to contend with,—persecution without, and a little political disaffection within,—yet such trials have not disheartened the true friends of Episcopacy, who are known for their faithful adherence to that best of causes, and for their benevolence and charity. The spiritual condition of the Parish has evidently improved.

The rest of my time has been devoted to the Parish of Hamden. I took charge of the same on Whitsunday, in 1836, and closed my labours there on the 12th March, in 1837. They were deeply involved in debt when I went there, but are now clear of the same, and have made, I understand, ample provision for the support of a clergyman the whole of the time.

On the Sundays that I performed official duty in Hamden, I held a third service in Fair Haven. To that newly organized congregation I have, during two years past, preached thirty or forty times. I think I may say, with safety, that the time is not far distant, when this thriving village will be among the leading Parishes of the Diocese, in supporting the ministry of our Church, in contributing to the maintenance of her benevolent institutions, and to the dissemination of her catholic and Apostolic principles.

### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, NORTH GUILFORD.

REV. DAVID BALDWIN, MINISTER.

Families, 32; baptisms—infants, 3, adults 2; communicants, 38; burials, 4; Sunday School—teachers, 6, scholars, 20; contributions to the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, \$4.21.

Since the last Convention, in Oct. 1836, I have officiated seventeen Sundays, Thanksgiving day, Ash-Wednesday, and on other occasions, and have administered the Communion five times, in St. John's Church, North Guilford.

### TRINITY CHURCH, BRANFORD.

REV. DAVID BALDWIN, MINISTER.

I have officiated in Trinity Church, Branford, 13 Sundays, Christmas Eve, and Good Friday, administered the Lord's Supper 5 times, baptized 2 children, attended 6 funerals, and solemnized 1 marriage; contributions to the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, \$5.50.

### UNION CHURCH, NORTH KILLINGWORTH.

REV. DAVID BALDWIN, MINISTER.

In Union Church, North Killingworth, I have officiated four Sundays, administered the Lord's Supper, baptized one child, and solemnized one marriage.

### CHRIST CHURCH, OXFORD.

REV. JAMES SUNDERLAND, RECTOR.

Families, 45; funerals, 3; communicants—added, 1, present number, 18.

My connection with this Parish has only been about one year. During this time, I have repeatedly visited most of the members of the congregation,



and have once administered in private, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to a sick person, then lying at the point of death. Since the last Convention, I have regularly performed service in the Church twice every Sunday, with the exception of five absences, three of which have been by way of exchange. One Sunday, however, cold and stormy weather prevented the opening of the Church; and I was also prevented from preaching in the afternoon of one or two Sundays by reason of ill health. On week days, I have also performed occasional services in the Church, and, on Sundays, administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper five times. Though the congregation may not now be said to be on the increase, yet it is fully as large as I have ever seen it during my settlement in this Parish. We have a Sunday School, however, which is but small, consisting of only twenty-five scholars and seven teachers, with a small library in connection with it; and we have also a Ladies' Sewing Society in connection with the congregation.

For the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, I have been unable to obtain from the congregation any more than \$3.

### ALL SAINTS CHURCH, WOLCOTT.

REV. P. G. CLARK, RECTOR.

Families, 42; communicants—added, 5, present number, 45; baptisms—infants, 12, adult, 1; confirmed, 8; marriages, 5; burials, 6; Sunday School—teachers, 5, scholars, 30.

In addition to my services rendered to the above Parish, I have been occasionally requested to officiate in Trinity Church, Southington. This Parish has a name to exist, but only in a depressed condition, and with but little if any prospect, at present, of its being revived. Formerly, as I understand, it was in a flourishing state; but some part of the congregation having, from some source or other, received into their hearts the seed of the doctrine of universal salvation, which, on its taking root and beginning to spring forth, began also to produce disputes, angry dissensions, and a final separation, which leaves the present number of families, 14, and communicants, 13; and this small remnant I believe to be correct and sound Episcopalians.

### ST. JAMES' CHURCH, WESTVILLE.

REV. S. JEWETT, MINISTER.

Baptisms, adults, 3; buried, 1 infant.

The corner-stone of the Church at Westville is to be laid to-morrow, June 15th, [was laid June 21, 1837.—*Chron. Church.*]

*West Haven.*—On Whitsunday I preached at the old Church at West Haven, and have since officiated there regularly every other Sunday.

Baptisms, infants 2.

There is some hope of resuscitating this defunct Parish. But neither this nor the Parish at Westville can be expected to flourish, until they have something more than mere preaching on Sundays. A resident clergyman is essential to their prosperity. I recommend them to the fostering care of the "Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge."

### ST. PETER'S CHURCH, OXFORD.

REV. D. BURNANS, D.D., OFFICIATING MINISTER.

I have officiated in this Parish occasionally since last September. Families, about 50; communicants—between 50 and 60; added, 3; baptisms, 4. They have an inactive Society for Missions, and a small Female Society, whose prospects are brightening.

Two years ago, they built a small but handsome Church : this so exhausted their funds, that they have done little for the support of a Clergyman since. Being now free from debt, if they could be reunited with Quakers' Farms, they would give a decent support to a Rector, but without this, they will still suffer. This was once a flourishing Parish of good old Dr. Mansfield. But the fathers having fallen asleep, with their late beloved Rector, there is a prevailing drowsiness, that calls for the voice of the Church.

### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, NORTH HAVEN, AND ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NORTHFORD.

REV. JOHN W. WOODWARD, RECTOR.

*St. John's Church, North Haven.*—Families, 50; baptisms—infants, 6, adults, 4; communicants—added, 9; confirmed, 13; burials, 2; Sunday School—teachers and scholars, about 30; Bible Class, 1; missionary and charitable contributions, \$6.10.

As it has been but a few months since our last Convention, it cannot reasonably be expected that there should be any very material alteration in the Parishes of St. John's, North Haven and St. Andrew's, Northford, situated as they are in the country, and particularly at this time, when there is such a general panic spread over the business part of our land.

To St. John's congregation in North Haven, although the actual addition has not been large, yet there is perceptibly a gradual increase of attachment to the principles and service of our holy Apostolic Church, and a steady growth in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For several Sundays past, the congregation has been larger than usual.

*St. Andrew's Church, Northford.*—Families, 35; baptisms—infants, 3; communicants—added, 3, present number, 43; confirmed, 11; marriages, 3; burials, 2; Sunday School—teachers and scholars, about 35; Bible Class, 1; missionary and charitable contributions, \$6.25.

The prospects of St. Andrew's Church, in Northford, have been highly encouraging. The exercises of the Bible Class connected with the congregation have been very interesting, ever since it was organized, which is about a year. The members of the Class have made very considerable proficiency in the composition of their dissertations, which are read aloud and commented on before the whole Class, after the Lecture. There is also a Sunday School belonging to the Parish.

The audiences on Sunday, in both Parishes, are respectable, and there seems to be a sense of deep-toned piety pervading the whole; and we trust that their united prayers, as sincere and devout worshipers, ascend like sweet incense to the throne of grace. We have abundant reason for thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God, for his goodness and mercy to us. Although there are many aged people in nearly one hundred families belonging to these two parishes, yet we have not lost a single adult by death since our last Convention.

### ST. JAMES' CHURCH, DANBURY, AND ST. THOMAS' CHAPEL, BETHEL.

REV. D. H. SHORT, RECTOR.

Families, 78; baptisms—infants, 7, adults, 6; communicants—added, 2, died or removed, 2, present number, 54; marriages, 3; burials, 6; Sunday School—teachers, 20, scholars, 60; Bible Class, 20; charitable contributions, \$30.70.

Since the last Convention, few additions have been made either to the communion or to the Parish. But it is matter of interest to perceive, that the former members are more punctual and regular in their attendance upon public worship, and apparently more interested for the spiritual welfare of the Church. A Society, whose object is to aid indigent students in acquiring an education for the ministry, has been formed among the ladies of the Parish, and is in successful operation.

### TRINITY CHURCH, FAIRFIELD.

REV. N. E. CORNWALL, RECTOR.

Families, 79; baptisms—infants, 4; communicants—added, 3, died or removed, 2, present number, 113; marriages, 3; burials, 7; Sunday School—teachers, 12, scholars, 60; Bible Class, 20; missionary and charitable contributions, \$49.

### ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, NORWALK.

REV. WILLIAM COOPER MEAD, D. D., RECTOR.

Baptisms—infants, 21, adults, 2; communicants—added, 5, died or removed, 3, present number, 122; marriages, 2; burials, 5; Sunday School—teachers, 20, scholars, 130; missionary and charitable contributions, \$100.

Nearly one thousand dollars have been expended on the Parsonage and grounds within the past year. The Female Circle of Industry continues its exertions in raising money for Missionary and charitable objects. It has realized about \$100 by its efforts the past year. During Lent, the Church was opened for public worship, and a sermon preached in each week, and on every day in Passion week. The Rector catechised the children in the Church every Sunday, from Mid-Lent until Whitsunday; and he has occasionally addressed or preached to the Sunday Schools. Public services have been held during the year, on Wednesday evenings, in different parts of the Parish. The services have been, at all times, well attended, by serious congregations.

### TRINITY CHURCH, NEWTOWN.

REV. SAMUEL C. STRATTON, RECTOR.

Families, 194; removed, 6; communicants—died, 2, added, 2, present number, 179; baptisms since the last report, 4; marriages, 7; burials—children, 3, adults, 15; Bible Classes, 3, during the last winter and spring, number of members 95; Sunday School—teachers, 27, scholars, 172; volumes in the Sunday School library, rising 500; volumes in the adult library, 161; copies of the Children's Magazine taken in the congregation, 53; copies of the Spirit of Missions, 11; missionary and charitable contributions, \$88.46; for adult and Sunday School libraries, \$22.82.

There has been no Confirmation in the Parish since the last report, but the Rector hopes to have some to present to the Bishop soon for that holy rite.

### CHRIST CHURCH, STRATFORD.

REV. GEORGE C. SHEPARD, RECTOR.

Baptism—adult, 1, infants, 3; marriage, 1; funerals, 7.

Since the report made at the Convention in October last, there has been no material change in the state of affairs connected with this Parish. The amount of money contributed for benevolent purposes, such as the support of Missions in our own Church, to aid the efforts of the American Tract Society, for the education of a youth for the ministry, &c., &c., is, since the last Convention to the present time, \$297.91.

### CHRIST CHURCH, READING.

REV. EDWARD J. DARKEN, RECTOR.

Families, 60; baptism—infant, 1; communicants—added, 4, present number, 30; marriages, 2; burials, 2; Sunday School—teachers, 8, scholars, 40.

— CHURCH, WESTON.

REV. EDWARD J. DARKEN, RECTOR.

Families, 97; baptisms, infants, 3; communicants—added, 3, present number, 19; burials, 2; Sunday School—teachers, 3, scholars, 14.

CHRIST CHURCH, WESTPORT.

REV. E. INGERSOLL, RECTOR.

Families, 58; baptisms—infants, 5; communicants—added, 5, died or removed, 3, present number, 50; marriage, 1; burials, 5; Sunday School—teachers, 18, scholars, 90; missionary and charitable contributions, and offerings of the Church, \$45.

— CHURCH, HUNTINGTON.

REV. THOMAS CLARK, RECTOR.

Families, 60; communicants—57, removed, 5, died, 1, added, 1, present number, 52; marriage, 1; baptism, 1; burials, 2. The Sunday School—teachers, scholars, and Bible Class, together number about 70.

My connection with this Parish commenced with the present year, during which period, with the exception of two or three exchanges with the neighbouring Clergy, I have regularly officiated here, and I trust not without some measure of God's blessing. Former unpropitious circumstances in this Parish had, as might be expected, produced an unfavourable state of things. Being greatly desirous of reviving their former prosperity, besides my public ministrations, I have visited considerably among this people, and as they are much scattered, I have had a weekly lecture in different parts of the Parish, which has been well attended, and with indications of benefit. Christian harmony appears to be returning; and with the faithful use of the appointed means, and the assistance of the Great Head of the Church, I hope pure and undefiled religion will flourish among them.

The plan of systematic offerings is here successfully in operation, and has produced about \$55 during the last year; a part of which has been remitted to the Missionary Society, and the rest will be dispensed in like manner. Collection for the S. P. C. K. \$9.50; for Sunday School books, \$6. Total, \$70.50. Besides this, a portion of their debt has been liquidated, and an organ has been provided by a liberal gentleman, who is a communicant here.

In consequence of my short acquaintance with this Parish, this report is necessarily imperfect.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, RIDGEFIELD.

J. DAUCHY, J. M. SMITH, WARDENS.

Families, 68; baptisms—infant, 1, adult, 1; communicants—added, 3, died or removed, 7, present number, 105; marriages, 3; burials, 4; Sunday School—teachers, 17, scholars, 60; missionary and charitable contributions, \$19.60.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, NEW CANAAN.

A. SEELEY, S. TUTTLE, WARDENS.

Families, 46; baptisms—infants, 7; communicants—added, 2, died or removed, 2, present number, 63; burials, 2; Sunday School—teachers, 8, scholars, 40; missionary and charitable contributions, \$8.



## ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MONROE.

REV. RODNEY ROSSITER, RECTOR.

Families, 50; baptisms—infants, 5; communicants—added, 2, died or removed, 2, present number, 61; marriages, 4; burials, 3; Sunday School—teachers, 9, scholars, 50; missionary and charitable contributions—for Domestic Missions, \$13, Foreign Missions, \$7, Society for Promotion of Christian Knowledge, \$5.50; total, \$25.50.

The Parish in Monroe is now receiving my entire services, which commenced, according to this arrangement, the first of May last. It is believed that very few so small Parishes are doing so much as this for the support of the Gospel ministry. Considering the small space included within the limits of that part of Monroe which belongs to St. Peter's Parish, and also the number of denominations into which the population is divided, the services of the Church are well attended. General harmony prevails.

## ST. JAMES' CHURCH, NEWTOWN.

REV. RODNEY ROSSITER, RECTOR.

Communicants—added, 1, died or removed, 3, present number, 32; marriages, 3; burial, 1.

My services were continued one fourth of the time in St. James' till the first of May, when the Parish became vacant. Since our last Convention, the ladies, by the avails of their Sewing Society, have built a pulpit, and an altar which is to be used as a desk. The people are making farther efforts to finish their Church. It is calculated that they have enough subscribed to plaster it, and do something farther towards finishing the interior.

## CHRIST CHURCH, GREENWICH.

REV. JOSEPH H. NICHOLS, RECTOR.

Families, 41, added, 5; communicants—20, added, 2, died, 3, removed, 1; marriage, 1; burials, 11, including one at Rye, N. Y.; Sunday School—teachers, 6, scholars, 40; contributed to Missionary and education purposes, \$24.12; other donations, \$14.50. The Ladies' Fragment Society have appropriated \$50 towards the increase of the Rector's salary.

## CHRIST CHURCH, TRUMBULL.

REV. DAVID G. TOMLINSON, RECTOR.

Families, 80; baptisms—infants, 1; communicants—added, 5, not reported last year through error, 8, present number, 80; marriages, 6; burials, 5; Sunday School—teachers, 11, scholars, 45; missionary and charitable contributions, offerings of the Church, \$31.32.

In the condition of the Parish there are some things encouraging and others the reverse. The little variation in the amount of the collections of the "Offerings of the Church," is an indication that those who have adopted this scriptural plan have steadily adhered to it. But we have to regret that *all* have not "laid by in store upon the first day of the week as the Lord hath prospered them." A few persons have been added to the communion; still, as a people, we are not so deeply interested in spiritual things as we ought to be, both for the honour of religion and the safety and comfort of our own souls. The number of scholars in the Sunday School is smaller than that reported last year. This would seem to show a lack of interest in this important matter, either in the Rector or parents, or both.



resident minister. The number of communicants is 18; funerals, 2; baptism, 1 infant. There are 46 families, that have subscribed for the support of the ministry in this Church, and some of them from other denominations. The congregation appears to be gradually increasing and gaining ground, being considerably more in number than when I first assumed the pastoral care and charge of it. In addition to the customary services of the Lord's day, with few exceptions, a stated evening lecture is held on the same day, and is still continued, and a considerable portion of the community attend. A Sunday School is instituted, and it is to be hoped, that the result will be salutary.

In relation to the statement given at the last annual Convention, with respect to the general state of this Parish, I accord in sentiment. It is correctly said in that report, "There can be no doubt that this Parish, and its vicinity, is not only *true* but inviting missionary ground." It is indeed missionary ground. Its location is in the midst of a region where the Church is but little known in relation to evangelical truth which she inculcates, and the Apostolic order which she maintains. It does, for more considerations than one, at present, require the countenance and aid of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge. It is to be hoped that the blessing of God may be on this infant Church for its increase, extension, and duration. It is to be hoped, it may be said of this portion of Zion, "That this and that man was born in her; and the Highest himself shall establish her. The Lord shall count, when he writeth up the people, this man was born there."

#### ST. PETER'S CHURCH, PLYMOUTH.

REV. WILLIAM WATSON, RECTOR.

Having but very recently taken the charge of this Parish, I am unable to make a report of ministerial acts performed within the cure since the last Convention. From the last printed report I copy the following statistics: Families, 120; communicants, 130. And I give these numbers under the impression that no important increase or diminution has been experienced since that report was made. The Sabbath School, from unavoidable delay, was not commenced for the present season until a few days since; but, I am happy to say, that it has been opened under favourable auspices and encouraging prospects.

It gives me pleasure to state, that this Parish have, within a few weeks past, completed the renovation of the interior of their Church edifice, at a cost of about \$800, and that the improvements have contributed much to its beauty and convenience.

#### CHRIST CHURCH, HARTFORD.

REV. GEORGE BURGESS, RECTOR.

Families, 235; baptisms—infants, 28, adults, 2; communicants—added, 31, died, 6, removed, 19, present number, 304; marriages, 3; burials, 19; Sunday School—teachers, 33, scholars, 202; missionary and charitable contributions—Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, \$150, Church Scholarship Society, \$170, General Missionary Society, \$163, other objects out of the Parish, \$155; total, \$638.

This Parish has sustained, by deaths and removals, since the last Convention, a loss more easily supplied in numbers than in wealth and usefulness. It is still blessed, however, with much temporal prosperity. As no preparation has yet been made for the annual confirmation, the Rector is unable to speak with the confidence which he would desire, of the probable extension of spiritual good.

The usual services have been held, and have been attended by somewhat increasing numbers, with an interest at least not diminished. The Sunday School is extremely flourishing, and the catechetical instruction of the children has been prosecuted with much pleasure on the part of the Pastor, and, it is

hoped, some profit on the part of the young members of his charge. The monthly collections have been steadily supported, and are now divided, except so far as the contributors may especially designate, into four equal parts; one of which is assigned to the Domestic, and one to the Foreign Department of the General Missionary Society; one to the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, and one to the Church Scholarship Society.

It is a fact, most gratifying not only to this Parish but to the Diocese and the Church generally, that amongst those who habitually communicate at this altar, are at present more than thirty young gentlemen who are connected with Washington College.

### TRINITY CHURCH, CHATHAM.

REV. SAMUEL M. EMERY, RECTOR.

Families, 142; baptisms—infants, 6, adult, 1; communicants—added, 4, died or removed, 3, present number, 103; marriages, 3; burials, 7; Sunday School—teachers, 24, scholars, 113; missionary and charitable contributions—missionary purposes, \$45, Christian Knowledge Society, \$55, Church in Ohio, \$58.

The 142 families above enumerated, include all who legally belong to the Parish. But it may be proper to state, that several families, among whom are about twelve communicants, withdrew their support from the Church, when its location was changed, in 1830, and since that time have not made it their place of worship. The number of families, therefore, who make the Church a regular place of worship, is 110, and of actual communicants, 91.

The spiritual condition of the Parish may be considered encouraging. The number of stated worshippers is gradually increasing; and there appears to be an increased attention to the services of the Church, and a renewed interest in the Sunday School.

Besides the contributions for missionary and charitable purposes, the sum of \$422 has been contributed to cancel a debt of long standing, and for other purposes.

### ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, GLASTENBURY.

REV. THOS. J. DAVIS, LATE RECTOR.

Baptisms—adults, 3, children, 8; marriages, 2; funerals, 3; communicants—added, 1, present number, 52; money for charitable purposes, \$12.

My report of this Parish will only include the time from the last sitting of the Convention, until Easter, at which time I resigned my charge of that Parish, by and with the consent of the Bishop. The Parish was then in a more flourishing condition than at any time previous; and afforded just cause for the Rector to imagine, that if all the members should do their duty as christians, by holding fast to their profession, without wavering, it would continue to flourish. And by doing so, it is to be fondly hoped, by the rule of faith, that if they shall obtain the services of a resident Clergyman among them, they will increase in strength, with a corresponding zeal for the cause of Christ's religion, abounding in their own hearts, as well as for the establishment of the law among all mankind.

### ST. MARK'S CHURCH, NEW BRITAIN.

REV. THOS. J. DAVIS, RECTOR.

I received a call to this Parish about the last of April, which I accepted with the consent of the Bishop. This Parish was received into union with the Diocese at the sitting of the last Convention, having been organized by and under the charge of Dr. Wheaton. And had the times continued as favourable as they then were, the Parish would probably by this time have

erected a Church; for such had been their united determination, under the fostering care and blessings of heaven. But, in consequence of the change, all attempts have as yet been suspended.

At present, we meet for divine worship in the upper part of the Academy, a room which will accommodate from 50 to 100 persons. Most of the time this is filled as full as can be comfortably seated. As yet, I am unable to report the number of families who will acknowledge themselves members of the Parish. There is belonging to it, 12 communicants. I baptised 6 children on Sunday last. A Sunday School has been formed, which is as yet small, though continually increasing. I also organized a Sewing Society, the avails of which have been appropriated to the purchase of books and tracts explanatory of the distinctive principles of the Church, and her holy religion, which is very little known, but eagerly sought for. Indeed, I think there is no hazard in saying, that New Britain is fine missionary ground for the Church, and bids fair for a rapid growth in the faith, as it was once delivered to the saints. At present, it needs greatly the fostering aid which the Christian Knowledge Society is nobly designed to afford weak and languishing Parishes in the Diocese. But if sustained thus for the present, it is fondly hoped, that as *bread cast upon the waters, after not very many days the same will be found*, not only in the increase of the Parish, but also in its liberal contributions for the like benefits to others.

#### TRINITY CHURCH, BRISTOL.

REV. JOSEPH S. COVELL, RECTOR.

Families, 32; baptisms, 2; communicants, added, 5, died, 2, removed, 2, present number, 36; burials, 4; marriages, 2; Sunday School—teachers, 7, children, 31; subscribers for the Children's Magazine, 17; for the Chronicle of the Church, 10.

The Sunday School and Parish Library has been increased to 71 volumes. The system of monthly offerings has been introduced, and during the last six months they have amounted to \$21.05, five of which is appropriated to the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, and the remainder to the Sunday School and Parish library.

#### CHRIST CHURCH, MIDDLETOWN.

REV. S. F. JARVIS, RECTOR ELECT.

Families, about 80; communicants, 75; baptisms—adults, 2, infants, 12; confirmed on Whitsunday, May 14th, 6, of whom four were already communicants, and the other two since admitted to communion; marriage, 1; burials—children, 2, adults, 3; since the last Convention, 3 communicants have died; admitted to communion since the last Convention, 8; three families have removed since last October, and four have been added; missionary and charitable contributions since the last Convention—for Foreign Missions, \$40, Domestic Missions, \$18, Soc. for Prom. Christ. Knowl., \$33.79; total, \$91.79.

The present incumbent has had the charge of this Parish, by invitation from the Wardens and Vestry, and with the consent of the Bishop, since October last; but is unable at present to make any very accurate statement of its condition.

#### ST. JAMES' CHURCH, NEW LONDON.

REV. ROBERT A. HALLAM, RECTOR.

Families, 74; baptisms—children, 9, adults, 6; communicants, 80; added, 10, died, 2; confirmed, 5; marriages, 4; burials, 7; Sunday School—scholars, 80, teachers, 12; Bible Class, about 30, with an irregular attendance of others;

charitable contributions—Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, \$103.60, Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, \$15.60, otherwise applied, \$2.81; total, \$122.01.

The abstract given above, seems to indicate progress both in temporal and spiritual things. The Rector feels warranted to add a confirmatory testimony.

### CHRIST CHURCH, NORWICH.

REV. S. B. PADDOCK, RECTOR.

Families, about 140; baptisms, 10; communicants—died or removed, 9, added, 7, present number, 138; confirmed, 6; marriages, 9; burials, 4; Sunday School—teachers, 23, scholars, 130; missionary and charitable contributions, \$73.97.

### GRACE CHURCH, SAYBROOK.

REV. WM. WARLAND, JR., RECTOR.

Families, 30; baptisms—infant, 1; communicants—added, 1, present number, 34; marriage, 1; burial, 1; Sunday School—teachers, 7, scholars, 40; missionary and charitable contributions—Soc. for Prom. Christ. Knowl., \$12, Convention fund, \$2, Bishop's fund, \$3.

The present incumbent has but recently taken charge of this Parish. As peace and harmony now prevail among its members, he is encouraged to hope that, by the Divine blessing, his labours, during the current year, will not be unprofitable.

### ST. PETER'S CHURCH, HEBRON.

REV. ALPHEUS GEER, RECTOR.

Families, 60; communicants—died or removed, 2, present number, 41; burials, 2; Sunday School—teachers, 8, scholars, 45.

My services, for the last seven years, have been equally divided between this Parish and that of Christ Church, Middle Haddam. At the commencement of this connection under my charge, the services of the Church were for the most part but thinly attended, and comparatively but little interest manifested in behalf of its distinctive principles and usages. But, under the divine blessing, a gradual improvement has marked its progress, in zeal and punctuality of attendance.

As both societies have respectively received some accession to their numbers, it was thought to be for the best interests of each, that this connection be discontinued, that each might secure the residence of a Clergyman. Accordingly, at Easter, I resigned my charge of the society of Christ Church, Middle Haddam, rejoicing that the Great Head of the Church had so far blessed my labours among them, that they were enabled, with a little assistance, to provide for the entire services of a Clergyman.

The like provision has, with much unanimity, been attempted by the Society of St. Peter's, which it is hoped, by seasonable aid, may be accomplished; that under the divine protection and guidance, its present flattering prospects may be fully realized. Thus far, my undivided attention to this Parish gives promise of the most favourable results, as our congregations are more fully attended than formerly, and a deeper interest is manifested for the regular and permanent ministrations of the word and sacraments.

### ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, EAST HADDAM.

REV. S. BEACH, RECTOR.

Families, 55; communicants—present number, 70; marriages, 4; burials, 5; Sunday School—teachers, 12, scholars, 80; Bible Class, 15; missionary and charitable contributions, \$10.25.

The Rector has the pleasure to remark, that this Church, during the last year, has been well attended, that an increasing interest in its prosperity is evident among its members, and that an enlarged portion of piety and sacred devotion to religion is clearly apparent.

### CHRIST CHURCH, SALEM.

REV. SILAS BLAISDALE, RECTOR.

Families, 20; baptisms—adult, 1; confirmed, 2; communicants—added, 2, whole number, 16; Sunday School—teachers, 7, scholars, 25.

The present incumbent began to officiate in this Church on the first Sunday of April; but from his short residence in the place is not able to give an accurate account of the state and prospects of the Parish.

The attendance on public worship is uniformly good, and an increasing interest in the services of the sanctuary apparently prevails. For several Sundays past, a third service has been held in school houses in remote parts of the town. This effort at doing good will be continued through the summer, as it seems to carry the gospel to the doors of many who cannot be induced to attend Church.

It is but little more than a year since the Church in this place was re-opened for divine service. From that time till Easter, the Rev. Mr. Spooner officiated half the time; and such was the success attending his ministry, that this little band of Christians were no longer willing to dispense with the services of a Clergyman. Accordingly they have made arrangements for the residence of a minister among them, and for his constant services. The sacrifices they necessarily make in effecting this object they lightly regard, while conscious of promoting their own edification, and of contributing to the spiritual welfare of the community in which they live.



# SUMMARY OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

| CHURCH.             | PLACE.           | MINISTER.            | Families. | Baptisms. Communicants. |         |        | Confirmed.      | Marriages.  | Burials. | Sunday School. |           | Bible Class | Missionary and Charitable Contributions. |
|---------------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------|-------------------------|---------|--------|-----------------|-------------|----------|----------------|-----------|-------------|--|
|                     |                  |                      |           | Infants.                | Adults. | Added. | Died or remov'd | Present No. |          | Teachers.      | Scholars. |             |  |
| Trinity,            | Newtown,         | S. C. Stratton, -    | 194       | 2                       |         | 2      | 2               | 179         | 7        | 27             | 172       | 95          | \$88.46                                  |
| St. John's,         | New Milford,     | E. H. Huntington,    |           | 2                       |         | 2      |                 |             | 21       | 15             | 120       |             |  |
| St. Andrew's,       | New Preston,     |                      |           |                         |         | 3      |                 |             | 7        | 6              | 60        |             |  |
| St. John's,         | North Haven,     |                      | 50        | 6                       | 4       | 3      |                 |             |          | 2              | 30        |             | 6.10                                     |
| St. Andrew's,       | Northford,       | J. W. Woodward,      | 35        | 3                       |         | 3      |                 |             | 3        | 2              | 35        |             | 6.25                                     |
| Christ,             | Bethlem,         |                      | 27        |                         |         |        |                 |             |          | 1              |           |             |  |
| Trinity,            | Northfield,      |                      | 26        | 3                       |         | 6      |                 |             |          |                |           |             |  |
| St. Stephen's,      | Ridgefield,      |                      | 68        | 1                       | 1       | 3      | 7               | 105         | 3        | 4              | 60        |             | 19.60                                    |
| St. Mark's,         | New Canaan,      |                      | 46        | 7                       |         | 2      | 2               | 63          | 2        | 8              | 40        |             | 8.00                                     |
| Christ,             | Hartford,        | George Burgess,      | 235       | 28                      | 2       | 31     | 25              | 304         | 3        | 33             | 202       |             | 638.00                                   |
| St. Luke's,         | Glastenbury,     |                      |           | 8                       |         | 1      |                 | 52          | 2        | 3              |           |             | 12.00                                    |
| St. John's,         | North Guilford,  |                      | 32        | 3                       | 2       |        |                 | 38          | 4        | 6              | 20        |             | 4.21                                     |
| Trinity,            | Branford,        | D. Baldwin,          |           | 2                       |         |        |                 |             | 1        |                |           |             | 5.50                                     |
| Union,              | N. Killingworth, |                      |           | 1                       |         |        |                 |             | 1        | 15             | 94        |             |  |
| St. Michael's,      | Litchfield,      | S. Fuller, Jr.       | 75        | 6                       | 1       | 4      | 9               | 83          |          |                |           |             |  |
| St. Peter's,        | Oxford,          | D. Burhans, D. D.    | 50        | 4                       |         | 3      |                 | 55          | 5        |                |           |             |  |
| St. Matthew's,      | Plymouth,        |                      | 50        | 1                       | 3       |        |                 | 50          |          |                |           |             |  |
| Trinity Parish,     | New Haven,       | H. Crosswell, D. D.  | 650       | 21                      | 14      | 34     |                 | 680         | 23       | 50             |           | 862.93      |  |
| St. Mark's,         | New Britain,     | L. T. Bennett, Asst. |           | 6                       |         |        |                 |             |          |                |           |             |  |
| St. George's,       | Milford,         | T. J. Davis,         | 32        |                         |         | 6      | 3               | 47          | 1        | 5              |           |             |  |
| St. John's,         | Waterbury,       | R. Camp,             | 135       | 6                       | 1       | 11     | 4               | 160         | 6        | 9              | 33        | 150         | 155.00                                   |
| St. Peter's,        | Monroe,          | J. L. Clark,         | 50        | 5                       |         | 2      | 2               | 61          | 4        | 3              | 9         | 50          | 25.50                                    |
| St. James,          | Newtown,         | R. Rossiter,         |           |                         |         | 1      | 3               | 32          | 3        | 1              |           |             |  |
| St. James,          | Danbury,         |                      | 78        | 7                       | 6       | 2      | 2               | 54          | 3        | 6              | 20        | 60          |  |
| St. Thomas' Chapel, | Bethel,          | D. H. Short,         |           |                         |         |        |                 |             |          |                |           |             |  |
| St. Peter's,        | Cheshire,        | E. E. Beardsley,     | 55        | 3                       | 1       | 11     | 4               | 78          | 6        | 10             | 59        |             | 18.75                                    |

## SUMMARY OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS, *Continued.*

| CHURCH.        | PLACE.           | MINISTER.         | Families. | Baptisms. | Communicans. | Confirmed.      | Marriages. | Burials. | Sunday School. | Bible Class | Missionary and Charitable Contributions. |
|----------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-----------------|------------|----------|----------------|-------------|--|
|                |                  |                   | Adults.   | Infants.  | Present No.  | Died or remov'd | Added.     |          | Scholars.      | Teachers.   |  |
| Trinity,       | Fairfield,       | N. E. Cornwall,   | 79        | 4         | 3            | 8               | 113        | 7        | 60             | 30          | \$49.00                                  |
| Union,         | Humphreysville,  | J. D. Smith,      | 115       | 3         | 10           | 68              | 6          | 11       | 50             |             | 6.00                                     |
| Christ,        | Greenwich,       | J. H. Nichols,    | 41        | 2         | 2            | 4               | 20         | 1        | 6              | 40          | 38.62                                    |
| Christ,        | Norwich,         | S. B. Paddock,    | 140       | 10        | 7            | 9               | 138        | 9        | 23             | 130         | 73.97                                    |
| St. Stephen's, | East Haddam,     | S. Beach,         | 55        |           |              |                 | 70         | 4        | 4              | 12          | 10.25                                    |
| Trinity,       | Chatham,         | S. M. Emery,      | 142       | 6         | 4            | 3               | 103        | 3        | 7              | 113         | 158.00                                   |
| Christ,        | Guildford,       | L. H. Corson,     | 60        | 2         | 3            |                 | 70         | 4        | 14             | 53          | 57.39                                    |
| Union,         | Hitchcocksville, | Isaac Jones,      | 46        | 1         |              |                 | 18         | 2        | 2              | 16          |  |
| St. Peter's,   | Hebron,          | A. Geer,          | 60        |           |              | 2               | 41         | 2        | 8              | 45          |  |
| St. Paul's,    | Wallingford,     | L. B. Hull,       | 97        | 1         | 5            | 6               | 65         | 3        | 20             | 130         | 7.00                                     |
| St. Paul's,    | Norwalk,         | W. C. Mead,       | 21        | 2         | 5            | 3               | 123        | 2        | 18             | 100         | 100.00                                   |
| Christ,        | Watertown,       | F. Holcomb,       | 91        | 1         | 2            | 1               | 87         | 5        | 5              | 40          | 75.00                                    |
| St. Paul's,    | Brookfield,      | R. C. Shimeall,   | 60        | 3         | 2            | 1               | 50         | 6        | 2              | 5           | 8.50                                     |
| Trinity,       | Bristol,         | J. S. Covell,     | 32        | 2         | 5            | 4               | 36         | 2        | 7              | 31          | 21.05                                    |
| Christ,        | Salem,           | Stilas Blaisdale, | 20        |           | 2            |                 | 16         |          | 7              | 25          |  |
| St. James',    | Westville,       | S. Jewett,        |           | 3         |              |                 |            | 1        |                |             |  |
| Church,        | West Haven,      |                   | 2         |           |              |                 |            |          |                |             |  |
| St. Michael's, | Naugatuck,       | O. Hopson,        | 75        | 2         | 2            |                 | 50         | 4        | 23             | 90          | 11.00                                    |
| Church,        | Middlebury,      |                   | 25        | 7         | 6            | 4               | 27         | 4        | 1              | 6           |  |
| St. Peter's,   | Plymouth,        | W. Watson,        | 120       |           |              |                 | 130        |          |                |             |  |
| St. Paul's,    | Sharon,          |                   | 50        |           | 1            | 5               | 58         | 2        | 2              |             | 15.00                                    |
| St. John's,    | Salisbury,       | L. M. Purdy,      | 50        |           |              |                 | 32         | 1        | 1              |             | 7.00                                     |
| St. Paul's,    | Huntington,      | T. Clark,         | 60        |           | 1            | 6               | 53         | 2        | 2              | 70          | 70.50                                    |
| Christ,        | Reading,         | E. J. Darken,     | 60        | 1         | 4            |                 | 30         | 3        | 8              | 40          |  |
| Church,        | Weston,          |                   | 27        | 3         | 3            |                 | 19         | 2        | 3              | 14          |  |
| Christ,        | Trumbull,        | D. G. Tomlinson,  | 80        | 1         | 5            |                 | 80         | 6        | 5              | 11          | 31.32                                    |
| Grace,         | Saybrook,        | Wm. Warland, Jr., | 30        | 1         | 1            |                 | 34         | 1        | 7              | 40          | 12.00                                    |

SUMMARY OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS, *Continued.*

| CHURCH.        | PLACE.        | MINISTER.            | Baptisms. |         | Communicants. |                 |             | Marriages. | Burials. | Sunday School |            | Bible Class | Missionary and Charitable Contributions. |        |            |
|----------------|---------------|----------------------|-----------|---------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|------------|----------|---------------|------------|-------------|--|--------|------------|
|                |               |                      | Infants.  | Adults. | Added.        | Died or remov'd | Present No. |            |          | Teachers.     | Schol-ars. |             |  |        |            |
| Christ,        | Middletown,   | S. F. Jarvis, D. D., | 80        | 12      | 2             | 8               | 3           | 75         | 6        | 1             | 5          |             | \$91.79                                  |        |            |
| St. James',    | New London,   | R. A. Hallam,        | 74        | 9       | 6             | 10              | 2           | 80         | 5        | 4             | 7          | 12          | 80                                       | 123.01 |            |
| Christ,        | Westport,     | E. Ingersoll,        | 58        | 5       |               | 5               | 3           | 50         |          | 1             | 5          | 18          | 90                                       | 45.00  |            |
| St. James',    | Derby,        | J. Scott,            | 104       | 3       |               | 5               | 1           | 130        | 7        | 7             | 12         | 14          | 90                                       | 44.16  |            |
| Christ,        | Oxford,       | J. Sunderland,       | 45        |         |               | 1               |             | 18         |          |               | 3          | 7           | 25                                       | 3.00   |            |
| Christ,        | Stratford,    | G. C. Shepard,       |           | 3       | 1             |                 |             |            | 1        | 1             | 7          |             |  | 306.91 |            |
| Christ,        | Bethany,      | J. H. Rouse,         | 100       | 8       | 3             | 11              | 8           | 99         | 5        | 13            | 14         | 65          | 30                                       | 35.00  |            |
| All Saints,    | Wolcott,      | P. G. Clark,         | 42        | 12      | 1             | 5               |             | 45         |          | 6             | 5          |             |  |        |            |
| Church,        | Southington,  |                      | 14        |         |               |                 |             | 13         |          |               |            |             |  |        |            |
| Christ,        | East Haven,   | E. J. Ives,          | 52        | 8       |               |                 |             |            | 6        | 4             | 6          | 35          |  |        |            |
| St. Andrew's,  | Meriden,      | J. M. Guion,         | 65        | 10      |               | 7               | 3           | 108        | 1        | 3             | 5          | 14          | 65                                       | 15.00  |            |
| St. John's,    | Stamford,     | A. S. Todd,          | 80        | 7       | 2             | 3               |             | 130        |          | 8             | 12         | 8           | 50                                       |        |            |
| Congregations, | 65 Ministers, |                      | 4217      | 274     | 67            | 260             | 144         | 4444       | 88       | 189           | 356        | 518         | 2919                                     | 215    | \$3,270.78 |

## ABSTRACT OF THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

The Bishop reports, that since the last Convention, embracing a period of about eight months, he has visited twenty-eight Parishes, and administered the rite of Confirmation in seventeen Parishes to ninety-two individuals; that five Deacons have been admitted to the order of Priests, and two to that of Deacons; that one Church has been consecrated within the Diocese, and one in the city of New Orleans, in which place and Mobile, thirty-three persons were Confirmed; that one Minister has taken Letters Dismissory from the Diocese, and that seven have been received by similar letters into the Diocese, one of whom is now labouring in Africa; that five Ministers have resigned their cures, and four have been transferred to other stations; that one Minister has been removed by death, and that there are twenty-five Candidates for Orders.



## LIST OF THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF CONNECTICUT, 1837.

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- The Rt. Rev. *Thomas C. Brownell*, D. D. LL. D., Bishop.  
 The Rev. *Ashbel Baldwin*, residing at Stratford.  
 The Rev. *David Baldwin*, Rector of St. John's Church, North Guilford,  
 and of the Churches in North Killingworth, Branford, and North Branford.  
 The Rev. *Josiah M. Bartlett*.  
 The Rev. *Stephen Beach*, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, East Haddam.  
 The Rev. *E. Edwards Beardsley*, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Cheshire.  
 The Rev. *Benjamin Benham*, residing at Brookfield.  
 The Rev. *Lorenzo T. Bennett*, assistant Minister of Trinity Parish, New  
 Haven.  
 The Rev. *Moses P. Bennett*.  
 The Rev. *George Benton*, Missionary to Greece, and stationed in the Island  
 of Crete.  
 The Rev. *Silas Blaisdale*, Rector of Christ Church, Salem.  
 The Rev. *Hilliard Bryant*, officiating in the Parishes of Milton and Brad-  
 leyville.  
 The Rev. *George Burgess*, Rector of Christ Church, Hartford.  
 The Rev. *Daniel Burhans*, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, Oxford.  
 The Rev. *Riverius Camp*, Rector of St. George's Church, Milford.  
 The Rev. *Jacob L. Clark*, Rector of St. John's Church, Waterbury.  
 The Rev. *Peter G. Clark*, Rector of All Saints, Wolcott, and residing at  
 Cheshire.  
 The Rev. *Thomas Clark*, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Huntington.  
 The Rev. *Gurdon S. Coit*, Rector of St. John's Church, Bridgeport.  
 The Rev. *Charles Cleaveland*, Rector of St. John's Church, East Windsor.  
 The Rev. *Asa Cornwall*, residing at Cheshire.  
 The Rev. *Nathaniel E. Cornwall*, Rector of Trinity Church, Southport.  
 The Rev. *Levi H. Corson*, Rector of Christ Church, Guilford.  
 The Rev. *Joseph S. Covell*, Rector of Trinity Church, Bristol.  
 The Rev. *Harry Cranwell*, D. D., Rector of Trinity Parish, New Haven.  
 The Rev. *William A. Curtiss*.  
 The Rev. *Edward J. Darken*, M. D., Rector of Christ Church, Reading.  
 The Rev. *Thomas J. Davis*, Rector of St. Mark's Church, New Britain.  
 The Rev. *G. C. V. Eastman*, residing at Saybrook.  
 The Rev. *Samuel M. Emery*, Rector of Trinity Church, Chatham.  
 The Rev. *Alpheus Geer*, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Hebron.  
 The Rev. *John M. Guion*, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Meriden.  
 The Rev. *Caleb I. Good*, Professor of Ancient Languages in Washington  
 College.  
 The Rev. *Robert A. Hallam*, Rector of St. James' Church, New London.  
 The Rev. *Frederick Holcomb*, Rector of Christ Church, Watertown.  
 The Rev. *Oliver Hopson*, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Naugatuck, and  
 of the Church in Middlebury.  
 The Rev. *Lemuel B. Hull*, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Wallingford.  
 The Rev. *Enoch Huntington*, Rector of St. John's Church, New Milford.  
 The Rev. *Edward Ingersoll*, Rector of Christ Church, Westport.  
 The Rev. *Edward J. Ives*, Rector of Christ Church, East Haven.  
 The Rev. *Samuel F. Jarvis*, Rector of Christ Church, Middletown.  
 The Rev. *William Jarvis*, residing at Chatham.  
 The Rev. *Stephen Jewett*, officiating in St. James' Church, Westville, and  
 residing in New Haven.

The Rev. *Isaac Jones*, Rector of Union Church, Hitchcocksville.  
 The Rev. *Bethel Judd*, D. D., residing at Norwalk.  
 The Rev. *Alfred Lee*, residing at Norwich.  
 The Rev. *Truman Marsh*, residing at Litchfield.  
 The Rev. *William Cooper Mead*, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Norwalk.  
 The Rev. *Allen C. Morgan*, Principal of the Connecticut Episcopal Academy, Cheshire.  
 The Rev. *Joseph H. Nichols*, Rector of Christ Church, Greenwich.  
 The Rev. *Birdsey G. Noble*, residing at Bridgeport.  
 The Rev. *Seth B. Paddock*, Rector of Christ Church, Norwich.  
 The Rev. *Lucius M. Purdy*, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Sharon, and St. John's Church, Salisbury.  
 The Rev. *Smith Pyne*.  
 The Rev. *Rodney Rossiter*, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Monroe, and St. James' Church, Newtown.  
 The Rev. *John H. Rouse*, Rector of Christ Church, Bethany.  
 The Rev. *Thomas S. Savage*, Missionary to Africa.  
 The Rev. *Joseph Scott*, Rector of St. James' Church, Derby.  
 The Rev. *George C. Shepard*, Rector of Christ Church, Stratford.  
 The Rev. *Richard C. Skimeall*, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Brookfield, and St. Mark's Church, Bridgewater.  
 The Rev. *David H. Short*, Rector of St. James' Church, Danbury, and St. Thomas' Chapel, Bethel.  
 The Rev. *John D. Smith*, Rector of Union Church, Humphreysville.  
 The Rev. *T. S. Snow*, Rector of Trinity Church, Northfield, and Christ Church, Bethlehem.  
 The Rev. *Albert Spooner*.  
 The Rev. *Ashbel Steele*, Missionary.  
 The Rev. *Samuel C. Stratton*, Rector of Trinity Church, Newtown.  
 The Rev. *James Sunderland*, Rector of Christ Church, Oxford.  
 The Rev. *Ambrose S. Todd*, Rector of St. John's Church, Stamford.  
 The Rev. *David G. Tomlinson*, Rector of Christ Church, Trumbull, and the Church in Weston.  
 The Rev. *Silas Totten*, President of Washington College, Hartford.  
 The Rev. *Joseph D. Tyler*, Instructor in the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb, Hartford.  
 The Rev. *William Warland, Jr.*, Rector of Grace Church, Saybrook.  
 The Rev. *Ransom Warner*, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Simsbury.  
 The Rev. *William Watson*, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Plymouth.  
 The Rev. *Nathaniel S. Wheaton*, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, in the city of New Orleans.  
 The Rev. *George S. White*, residing at Canterbury.  
 The Rev. *Milton Wilcox*, residing at Simsbury.  
 The Rev. *John S. Woodward*, Rector of St. John's Church, North Haven, and St. Andrew's Church, Northford.  
 Number of Clergy, 78.

THE FOLLOWING CLERGYMEN OF THE DIOCESE WERE NOT  
PRESENT DURING THIS SESSION :

|                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Rev. Ashbel Baldwin,  | Rev. George Benton,   |
| " Moses Bennett,      | " Asa Cornwall,       |
| " Silas Blaisdale,    | " William A. Curtis,  |
| " Peter G. Clark,     | " Hilliard Bryant,    |
| " William A. Curtis,  | " Charles Cleaveland, |
| " Josiah M. Bartlett, | " T. S. Snow,         |
| " Benjamin Benham,    | " Caleb I. Good,      |

Rev. Thomas S. Savage,  
 " Samuel Fuller, Jr.,  
 " G. C. V. Eastman,  
 " John M. Guion,  
 " Bethel Judd, D. D.,  
 " Truman Marsh,  
 " Birdsey G. Noble,  
 " Seth B. Paddock,  
 " Lucius M. Purdy,  
 " Smith Pyne,

Rev. George C. Shepard,  
 " Albert Spooner,  
 " Ashbel Steele,  
 " Ambrose S. Todd,  
 " Joseph D. Tyler,  
 " Ransom Warner,  
 " Nathaniel S. Wheaton, D. D.,  
 " George S. White,  
 " Milton Wilcox,  
 " Charles I. Todd.

Total, 34.

#### LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, 1837.

William B. Ashley,  
 Andrew H. Cornish,  
 Henry Fitch,  
 Solomon G. Hitchcock,  
 Abel Nicholls,  
 David Ogden,  
 William Payne,  
 N. S. Richardson,  
 Ferdinand Rogers,  
 George A. Sterling,  
 James D. Mead,  
 Thomas G. Salter,  
 James Madison Thompson,  
 (*a coloured man in Liberia.*)

Stephen Reed,  
 William G. Hyer,  
 Charles Prindle,  
 Pascal P. P. Kidder,  
 Thomas Clapp Pitkin,  
 Isaac H. Tuttle,  
 I. Henry Elliot,  
 Zebadiah H. Mansfield,  
 Martin Moody,  
 Alonzo B. Chapin,  
 James Roosevelt Bailey,  
 Henry Beers Sherman.

Total, 25.

#### LIST OF THE PARISHES

OF THE

#### PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, IN THE DIOCESE OF CONNECTICUT, 1837.

##### *Hartford County.*

Hartford, Christ Church.  
 Glastenbury, St. Luke's Church.  
 Simsbury, St. Andrew's Church.  
 Granby, St. Peter's Church.  
 East Windsor, (Warehouse Point,) St. John's Church.  
 Southington, ——— Church.  
 Bristol, Trinity Church.  
 New Britain, St. Mark's Church.

##### *Windham County.*

Brooklyn, Trinity Church.  
 Pomfret, Christ Church.  
 Windham, St. Paul's Church.

##### *Tolland County.*

Hebron, St. Peter's Church.

##### *New London County.*

New London, St. James' Church.  
 Norwich, Christ Church.  
 Preston, (Poquetonnuck,) St. James' Church.  
 Salem, Christ Church.

##### *Middlesex County.*

Middletown, Christ Church.  
 Chatham, Trinity Church.  
 Middle Haddam, Christ Church.

**East Haddam**, St. Stephen's Church.  
**Saybrook**, { (Essex) St. John's Church.  
 { Grace Church.  
**North Killingworth**, Union Church.

*New Haven County.*

**New Haven**, { Trinity Church.  
 { St. Paul's Chapel.  
 { St. James, (Westville.)

**Guilford**, Christ Church.  
**North Guilford**, St. John's Church.  
**Branford**, Trinity Church.  
**North Branford**, Trinity Church.  
**East Haven**, Christ Church.  
**North Haven**, St. John's Church.  
**Northford**, St. Andrew's Church.  
**Wallingford**, St. Paul's Church.  
**Cheshire**, St. Peter's Church.  
**Meriden**, St. Andrew's Church.  
**Hamden**, Grace Church.  
**West Haven**, ——— Church.  
**Milford**, St. George's Church.  
**Derby**, St. James' Church.  
**Humphreysville**, Union Church.  
**Oxford**, { St. Peter's Church.  
 { Christ Church, (Quakers' Farms.)  
**Waterbury**, St. John's Church.  
**Naugatuck**, St. Michael's Church.  
**Woodbridge**, Trinity Church.  
**Middlebury**, ——— Church.  
**Bethany**, Christ Church.  
**Wolcott**, All Saints' Church.

*Fairfield County.*

**Stratford**, Christ Church.  
**Bridgeport**, St. John's Church.  
**Fairfield**, Trinity Church.  
**Weston**, ——— Church.

**Norwalk**, St. Paul's Church.  
**Stamford**, St. John's Church.  
**Wilton**, St. Matthew's Church.  
**Ridgefield**, St. Stephen's Church.  
**Danbury**, { St. James' Church.  
 { St. Thomas' Chapel,  
 (Bethel.)  
**Reading**, Christ Church.  
**Newtown**, { Trinity Church.  
 { St. James' Church.  
**Brookfield**, St. Paul's Church.  
**Huntington**, St. Paul's Church.  
**Monroe**, St. Peter's Church.  
**Trumbull**, Christ Church.  
**New Canaan**, St. Mark's Church.  
**Greenwich**, Christ Church.  
**Westport**, Christ Church.

*Litchfield County.*

**Litchfield**, St. Michael's Church.  
**Bradleyville**, ——— Church.  
**Milton**, ——— Church.  
**Northfield**, Trinity Church.  
**New Milford**, St. John's Church.  
**Bridgewater**, St. Mark's Church.  
**Sharon**, St. Paul's Church.  
**Kent**, St. Andrew's Church.  
**New Preston**, St. Andrew's Church.  
**Washington**, St. John's Church.  
**Salisbury**, St. John's Church.  
**Woodbury**, St. Paul's Church.  
**Roxbury**, ——— Church.  
**Bethlem**, Christ Church.  
**Watertown**, Christ Church.  
**Canaan**, ——— Church.  
**Plymouth**, { St. Peter's Church.  
 { St. Matthew's Church.  
**Hitchcocksville**, Union Church.

The following Parishes have paid their quotas to the Convention fund, for 1837, as provided for by the 2d Canon of the Diocese :

|                               |        |                          |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------|
| Norwalk, 1836 and 1837,       | \$6.00 | Waterbury,               | \$3.75 |
| Brookfield,                   | 2.00   | Bridgeport,              | 4.00   |
| Humphreysville, 1836 and '37, | 3.50   | Southport,               | 3.00   |
| Trumbull,                     | 1.87½  | Saybrook,                | 2.00   |
| Westport,                     | 3.00   | Hebron,                  | 1.00   |
| Hartford,                     | 6.00   | North Guilford,          | 62½    |
| Norwich,                      | 3.50   | Chatham,                 | 3.00   |
| Monroe,                       | 1.25   | Derby,                   | 2.50   |
| Watertown,                    | 2.50   | Naugatuck,               | 1.87   |
| Newtown, (St. James'),        | 37½    | Middlebury,              | 62½    |
| East Haddam, 1836 and '37,    | 5.00   | Ridgefield,              | 1.25   |
| Greenwich,                    | 2.00   | Plymouth, (St. Peter's), | 2.50   |
| Newtown, (Trinity),           | 3.25   | New London,              | 3.75   |
| Cheshire,                     | 2.50   | Northford,               | 1.25   |

|                 |         |                  |        |
|-----------------|---------|------------------|--------|
| New Haven,      | \$11.00 | Danbury,         | \$2.50 |
| Sharon,         | 1.25    | Branford,        | 65     |
| Middletown,     | 3.50    | East Haven,      | 1.00   |
| New Milford,    | 1.25    | Hitchcocksville, | 1.00   |
| Wallingford,    | 3.25    | Milford,         | 2.00   |
| Quakers' Farms, | 1.75    | Bethany,         | 2.00   |
| Guilford,       | 2.00    | Meriden,         | 2.50   |

A. C. MORGAN, *Treasurer.*

The following Parishes did not pay their assessments:

|                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Glastenbury.                         | Woodbridge, 1836 and '37.                |
| Simsbury, 1836 and '37.              | Wolcott, 1836 and '37.                   |
| Granby, 1836 and '37.                | Stratford.                               |
| East Windsor, 1836 and '37.          | Plymouth, (St. Matthew's,) 1836 and '37. |
| Southington, 1836 and '37.           | Stamford, 1836 and '37.                  |
| Bristol.                             | Wilton, 1836 and '37.                    |
| New Britain.                         | Litchfield, 1836 and '37.                |
| Brooklyn.                            | Bradleyville, 1836 and '37.              |
| Pomfret, 1836 and '37.               | Milton, 1836 and '37.                    |
| Windham, 1836 and '37.               | Northfield, 1836 and '37.                |
| Preston, 1836 and '37.               | Bridgewater, 1836 and '37.               |
| Salem, 1836 and '37.                 | Kent, 1836 and '37.                      |
| Middle Haddam, 1836 and '37.         | New Preston, 1836 and '37.               |
| Essex, 1836 and '37.                 | Washington, 1836 and '37.                |
| Westville.                           | Salisbury.                               |
| Hamden.                              | Woodbury, 1836 and '37.                  |
| West Haven, 1836 and '37.            | Roxbury, 1836 and '37.                   |
| Oxford, (St. Peter's,) 1836 and '37. | Bethlem, 1836 and '37.                   |

Dr. *Convention Fund in Account with J. M. Goodwin, Treasurer.* Ca.

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|---|--|
| 1836.   | 1836.  |
| Nov. To Cash paid L. H. Young's bill of printing, - - - \$8.00                              | Oct. By Cash received from Secretary of Convention, - - - \$101.87 . |
| " Cash paid Belknap & Hammersly, in part of their bill for printing the Journals, - - 93.87 |  |
| \$101.87.   | \$101.87   |

## APPENDIX, NO. II.

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### CONSTITUTION

OF THE

### SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE, 1837.

**ART. 1.** This Society shall be called "*THE CONNECTICUT PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.*"

**ART. 2.** The Bishop of the Diocese shall be, *ex officio*, President of the Society; and the Bishop and the Standing Committee shall constitute *the Board of Directors*. The Secretary of the Standing Committee shall be the Secretary and Treasurer of the Society.

**ART. 3.** The Board shall meet as often as the interests of the Society may require; and may take such measures as they may think expedient, to obtain funds. They shall employ Missionaries within the Diocese; and may cause to be procured and distributed or sold, Bibles, Prayer Books, and Religious Tracts, in such manner as they may think proper.

**ART. 4.** The Secretary shall keep a register of the names of the members and donors, with the amount of their contributions; and a record of the collections made in congregations, or by Auxiliary Societies.

**ART. 5.** All moneys received for the benefit of the Society, shall be subject to the order of the Board, and shall be by them appropriated to the purposes specified in Article 3.

**ART. 6.** Persons contributing one dollar annually shall be members of the Society; those who contribute five dollars at one time shall be members for life; and those who contribute twenty dollars shall be patrons.

**ART. 7.** There shall be divine service, and a sermon, or addresses, delivered at every annual session of the Convention, and a collection made for the benefit of the Society.

**ART. 8.** The Board shall make an annual report of their proceedings to the Convention; and the Treasurer shall also make a report of the state of the funds; which reports, or so much of them as the Convention may direct, shall be entered on the Journals.

**ART. 9.** No alteration shall be made in this Constitution, without having been proposed to the Convention, at least one day before it is acted upon; and the Convention alone shall have power to make alterations.

## REPORT

OF THE

TREASURER OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF  
CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.

The Treasurer, in presenting his Account of receipts and expenditures for the past year, begs leave to propose a plan to the Convention, for a more systematic organization of the Charity of the Diocese, and the more effectual fulfillment of those objects for which the Society was first instituted.

The name of the Society having been adopted from that of its great and venerable prototype in the Church of England, it seems fair to conclude that, as far as our humble means extend, its objects are equally comprehensive. The foundation and encouragement of Parish Schools, and of County Grammar Schools, the distribution of Bibles, Prayer Books, and Tracts, the establishment of Parochial Libraries, the provision of maintenance for indigent students of Theology, the diffusion of periodicals and other works of a popular character, tending to promote useful knowledge in unison with Christian principles and practice, the employment of missionaries, and the augmentation of clerical maintenance, may all properly come within the scope of our action. In a word, we may adopt the simple and beautiful language of the English Society, as expressive of our object:—"Whereas the growth of vice and immorality is greatly owing to gross ignorance of the principles of the Christian religion; we, whose names are underwritten, do agree to meet together as often as we conveniently can, to consult (under the conduct of Divine Providence and assistance) how we may be able, by due and lawful methods, to promote Christian knowledge."

In one respect we have an advantage not possessed by the English Society. According to the principle solemnly ratified at the last General Convention, all who are baptized into Jesus Christ are members of our Society, and like the first company of believers, have, in the only true and proper sense of that expression, "all things common." If one member suffer, all the members are bound to suffer with it. As a church, they that have much are to have nothing over, and they that have little, are to have no lack. As soon, therefore, as we are enabled by that growth, in the pious liberality which we rejoice to say is on the increase, the whole of the objects which have been named may properly engage our attention.

At present, the wants of the Diocese oblige the Bishop and Standing Committee who constitute the Board of Direction for promoting Christian Knowledge, to devote all that can possibly be raised to the better support of the Christian ministry. Under this head, our objects are: 1. To provide a settled Clergyman for each Parish. 2. To give the Clergy, if not an adequate, at least a bare subsistence. 3. To have the salary raised, paid punctually and promptly when it becomes due.

1st. It is not necessary to prove the importance of providing a settled Clergyman for each Parish. Our own experience has shown the utter impossibility of separating the grace which the Gospel offers from the ministrations of those who are appointed under its sanctions. The Lord blesses his word and his sacraments. No Parish can thrive which has not a Clergyman residing within it who devotes himself to the high duties of his office, and dispenses to his flock that spiritual nourishment by which they are supported and strengthened unto eternal life. Let us then see what is the actual condition of our Parishes.

There are at present ninety-two congregations. With a little exertion, that number might be increased to at least one hundred; for there are members of our Church scattered in various directions, who have not formed themselves

into Parishes, on account of the smallness of their number, and their inability to obtain a Clergyman; but who might and would do so, if they were encouraged by the aid and countenance of their more favoured brethren. Of these ninety-two, only twenty-four have supported the entire services of a Clergyman without assistance; nine have been enabled to support entire services, with the aid of from \$50 to \$100 per annum each; twelve have been assisted to services a part of the time; forty-seven have been obliged to unite in pluralities in support of twenty-three clergymen.

At the last annual Convention, the whole number of Clergy reported as belonging to the Diocese, the Bishop included, was seventy-five, and the whole number of Parishes ninety. The Bishop's office places him in constant relation with each of these Parishes; and he visits the greater part of them every year, that he may communicate to them some spiritual gift. Of the remaining seventy-four, of whom sixty-six were presbyters and eight deacons, there were at the close of 1836, seven engaged in colleges and schools, nine disabled by old age or other infirmities, and two absent as Missionaries or from other causes; leaving only fifty-six parochial Clergymen. Of these, thirty-nine had the cure each of one Parish, and resided therein; ten had the cure of two or more Parishes, and were resident in one of them; and seven had the charge of Parishes in which they did not reside. Of those engaged in colleges and schools, five did occasional duties in neighbouring Parishes, and perhaps the same might be said of the remaining two; making a total, in this imperfect manner, of sixty-three Clergymen for ninety Parishes. There are not more, then, than thirty-three of our Parishes which are provided for according to the will of our divine Master. The remainder are fainting and scattered abroad; a small portion of them with not more than half of that spiritual food which the good of their souls requires, and the rest with a pittance still more scanty.

Our second object is, to provide a more adequate support for the Clergy. It will probably be conceded, that the smallest amount of salary for each Clergyman should not be less than \$500. Even in the most remote Parish, and with the smallest occasions for expense, it is difficult to support a small family upon so narrow an income. It follows, then, that, as only twenty-four Parishes are able to provide a decent maintenance for their Clergyman, the remaining sixty-six or sixty-eight ought to receive more or less aid from the whole Diocese, that they may be enabled to enjoy the constant and stated services of a resident Pastor. A tabular view of these Parishes is herewith presented, divided into four classes, arranged according to a careful estimate of their ability, viz:

**Class I.** Those which are able to pay from \$400 to \$450 per annum, and have therefore need of from \$50 to \$100 from the Society. Of these there are twenty-one.

**Class II.** Those which are able to pay from \$300 to \$350 per annum, and have therefore need of from \$150 to \$200 per annum.

**Class III.** Those which can pay from \$200 to \$250: and

**Class IV.** Those unable to pay even that amount.

It will be seen from this estimate, that, on the most favourable supposition, if our Society had an annual income of \$8,000, the whole might be profitably employed, in providing for the better maintenance of the Clergy. The evil of frequent changes of clerical residence, by which one of the most sacred ties in human society is broken, has increased of late years to an alarming extent, and no effectual check can be applied to it, till more attention is paid to the comforts of the Clergy and their families. For this purpose,

Our third object is, to have the salary raised, paid punctually and promptly when it is due.

On this point also there can be no difference of opinion. Punctuality and promptness in all the relations between a pastor and his flock, are as essential to the well-being of the Church, as they are to the well-being of social intercourse. And the Society may be made instrumental in effecting this great object, by requiring from every Parish, as a condition of enjoying its aid, that



they shall be punctual and systematic in paying the amount at stated periods, which they covenant to raise for the support of their Rector.

To accomplish all these objects, a vigorous and united effort should be made through the whole Diocese, to increase the funds placed at the disposal of the Bishop and Standing Committee.

In the Bishop's Address to the Convention of 1835, it was suggested, that "a contribution of not less than one cent per month for every baptized child under fourteen years of age, and of not less than five cents per month for every baptized adult, would produce an aggregate amount of great efficiency in the dissemination of the Gospel." This was not intended to "preclude unbaptized persons from contributing to so good a work." "With them it would be a tribute of gratitude for the common blessings of the Gospel; while with those who are baptized, it is a duty arising out of their covenant relationship, and from their province as the keepers and promulgators of the Christian faith." In consequence of this suggestion, that Convention "recommended to each parochial Clergyman to provide a book, in which the name of every baptized person within his cure shall be enrolled, and to exhort all who are under fourteen years of age to contribute not less than one cent per month for missionary purposes; and all who are over that age, to contribute as God hath prospered them: the contributions being regarded as the offerings of the Church, for the diffusion of the Gospel. It is presumed that the age of fourteen was mentioned as being that in which young persons should be prepared for confirmation. All who have thus taken upon themselves the obligations of the baptismal covenant, are to consider it as a part of Christian duty to contribute for the maintenance of the Gospel, according as God hath prospered them; and parents may excite them to industry in their several employments, by rendering the amount of their Christian charity a reward proportionate to their exertions.

The practice of monthly offerings has, it is believed, been generally adopted in our Church; but in the Diocese of Connecticut, it is customary to make these collections during the afternoon service. This has led to a departure from primitive practice, by omitting the act of oblation which properly belongs to the Communion service. The collections at the Communion service are now, by usage, confined to "alms for the poor;" while "the other devotions of the people," being separated, are no longer sanctified by prayer. To remedy this evil, it is proposed that the monthly collections should be solemnly offered on the two great festivals of Christmas and Easter, and that in every congregation of the Diocese, supplication be made to our "Almighty and everliving God," that he will "most mercifully accept" not only "our alms," but also "our oblations."

The proportion in which these oblations are to be distributed, may well be left to the discretion of each Parochial Clergyman, and to the conscientious charity of his congregation. It may not, however, be improper to mention, that in one Parish the offerings thus collected have been divided equally between the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge in this Diocese, and the Board of Missions, established under the authority of the General Convention. In another Parish, it is believed that the sums so collected have been divided into four equal parts: one to the Church Scholarship Society, another to the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, the third for Domestic, and the fourth for Foreign Missions. This subject must be left to regulate itself. The great design is to form in the breast of every individual Christian the habit of giving for conscience sake. If he should lay by him in store, on the Sunday of each week, according as God hath prospered him, and should once in every month cast in unto the offerings of God, according as he is disposed in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; and if this should be done without fail in every congregation in the State, however small, and however destitute, then the great principle of systematic charity will be fully carried out, and the result will show how much may be done by united effort, under the Divine blessing.

## A TABULAR VIEW

OF THOSE PARISHES IN THE DIOCESE OF CONNECTICUT WHICH REQUIRE MORE OR LESS AID IN ORDER TO ENJOY THE CONSTANT SERVICES OF A RESIDENT PASTOR.

| Counties.   | First Class. | Sums needed | Second Class.    | Sums needed | Third Class.     | Sums needed | Fourth Class. |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Hartford,   | Glastenbury, | \$50        | Simsbury,        | \$150       | Granby,          | \$250       | Southington.  |
|             | Bristol,     | 50          | New Britain,     | 150         | Pomfret,         | 250         | Canterbury.   |
| Windham,    | Brooklyn,    | 50          |                  |             |                  |             |               |
| Tolland,    | Hebron,      | 50          | Poquetonuck,     | 150         | Salem,           | 250         |               |
| N. London,  |              |             | Middle Haddam,   | 150         | N. Killingworth, | 250         |               |
| Middlesex,  | E. Haddam,   | 50          | Essexborough,    | 150         |                  |             |               |
|             |              |             | North Guilford,  | 150         | Westville,       | 250         | West Haven.   |
| N. Haven,   | Guilford,    | 50          | Branford,        | 150         | Middlebury,      | 250         |               |
|             | N. Haven,    | 50          | East Haven,      | 150         |                  |             |               |
|             | Cheshire,    | 50          | Northford,       | 150         |                  |             |               |
|             | Milford,     | 50          | Hamden,          | 150         |                  |             |               |
|             | Oxford,      | 50          | Humphreysville,  | 150         |                  |             |               |
|             | Naugatuck,   | 50          | Wolcott,         | 150         |                  |             |               |
|             | Bethany,     | 50          | Quakers' Farms,  | 150         |                  |             |               |
| Fairfield,  | Wilton,      | 50          | Fairfield,       | 150         | Weston,          | 250         |               |
|             | Danbury,     | 50          |                  |             | Newtown,         | 250         |               |
|             | Huntington,  | 50          |                  |             | (St. James')     |             |               |
|             | Trumbull,    | 50          |                  |             |                  |             |               |
|             | N. Canaan,   | 50          |                  |             |                  |             |               |
|             | Greenwich,   | 50          |                  |             |                  |             |               |
|             | Sharon,      | 50          | Milton,          | 150         | Bradleyville,    | 250         | Canaan.       |
| Litchfield, | Woodbury,    | 50          | Northfield,      | 150         | Bridgewater,     | 250         | Cornwall.     |
|             | Reading,     | 50          | Bethlehem,       | 150         | Salisbury,       | 250         | Harwinton.    |
|             |              |             | Salisbury,       | 150         | Kent,            | 250         | Goshen.       |
|             |              |             | New Preston,     | 150         | Washington,      | 250         |               |
|             |              |             | Roxbury,         | 150         |                  |             |               |
|             |              |             | Plymouth,        | 150         |                  |             |               |
|             |              |             | (St. Matthew's), |             |                  |             |               |
|             |              |             | Hitchcockville,  | 150         |                  |             |               |

NOTE.—The Parishes of the fourth class are so small, that at present the attempt would be hopeless to establish in all of them a resident Clergyman. It is proposed, therefore, to appoint a Missionary, who may visit them, and perhaps perform the duties of a General Agent in behalf of the Society.

The Treasurer of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, acknowledges the receipt of the following sums during the present Convention, New Haven, June 14th, 1837, from the several Churches named:

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| Christ Church, Hartford, by the Rev. George Burgess, -           | \$150.00 |
| Trinity Church, Bristol, by the Rev. Joseph S. Covell, -         | 5.00     |
| St. James' Church, New London, by the Rev. Robert A. Hallam, -   | 16.10    |
| Christ Church, Norwich, by Richard Adams, Esq., delegate, -      | 38.50    |
| Christ Church, Middletown, by Noah A. Phelps, Esq., delegate, -  | 15.26    |
| Trinity Church, Chatham, by David Russell, Esq., delegate, -     | 55.00    |
| Grace Church, Saybrook, by the Rev. William Warland, Jr., -      | 12.00    |
| Christ Church, Guilford, by the Rev. L. H. Corson, -             | 8.20     |
| St. John's Church, North Guilford, by the Rev. David Baldwin, -  | 4.00     |
| Trinity Church, Branford, by Mr. E. F. Rogers, delegate, -       | 5.50     |
| Christ Church, East Haven, by John Bishop, delegate, -           | 3.37     |
| St. John's Church, North Haven, by John W. Woodward, delegate, - | 6.10     |
| St. Andrew's Church, Northford, do. do. do. -                    | 3.25     |

Carried over, \$322.28

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|  | Brought over, | \$332.28 |
| From the Ladies' Benevolent Society, Northford, by John W. Woodward, delegate,               | - - -         | 3.00     |
| St. Paul's Church, Wallingford, by Rev. Lemuel B. Hull,                                      | - - -         | 7.00     |
| St. James' Church, Derby, by Rev. Joseph Scott,  | - - -         | 8.00     |
| Union Church, Humphreysville, by Rev. John D. Smith,   | - - -         | 6.00     |
| Christ Church, Quakers' Farms, Oxford, by Nath'l Wooster, delegate,                          | - - -         | 3.00     |
| St. John's Church, Waterbury, by Rev. Jacob L. Clark,  | - - -         | 25.00    |
| St. Michael's Church, Naugatuck, by Rev. Oliver Hopson,                                      | - - -         | 4.00     |
| Christ Church, Stratford, by Rev. Asa Curtis,  | - - -         | 9.00     |
| Trinity Church, Fairfield, by Rev. N. E. Cornwall,   | - - -         | 11.50    |
| St. Paul's Church, Norwalk, by Rev. William Cooper Mead, D. D.                               | - - -         | 20.00    |
| St. Stephen's, Ridgefield, by Mr. Henry Smith, delegate,                                     | - - -         | 10.31    |
| Trinity Church, Newtown, by Mr. Beach Camp, delegate,  | - - -         | 20.00    |
| St. Paul's Church, Brookfield, by Rev. Richard C. Shimeall,                                  | - - -         | 8.50     |
| St. Paul's Church, Huntington, by Mr. Thomas S. Shelton, delegate,                           | - - -         | 9.50     |
| St. Peter's Church, Monroe, by Rev. Rodney Rossiter,   | - - -         | 5.50     |
| Christ Church, Trumbull, Rev. D. G. Tomlinson,   | - - -         | 5.00     |
| St. Mark's Church, N. Canaan, from Mr. H. R. Weed, by Rev. Dr. Mead,                         | - - -         | 10.12    |
| Christ Church, Greenwich, by Rev. J. H. Nichols,   | - - -         | 7.07     |
| Christ Church, Westport, by Rev. Edward J. Ingersoll,  | - - -         | 10.00    |
| Total received from 31 Parishes, containing 32 Churches,                                     |               | \$504.78 |
| Collection in St. Paul's Chapel, New Haven, on occasion of the Annual Sermon, June 13, 1837, | - - -         | 68.42    |
|  | Total,        | \$573.20 |
| SAMUEL FARMAR JARVIS, Treasurer.   |               |          |

*Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, in account with S. Farmar Jarvis, Treasurer, Da.*

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| 1836.                |   |
| Oct. 12,             | To cash paid Rev. A. B. Beach, for missionary services in Milton and Bradleyville, ordered this day, - - - \$25.00  |
| "                    | To cash paid Rev. E. E. Beardsley, amount due at Michaelmas, for missionary services in Cheshire, - - - 50.00   |
| "                    | To cash paid Rev. Riverius Camp, amount due at Michaelmas, for missionary services in Milford, - - - 50.00  |
| "                    | To cash paid Rev. E. J. Darken, M. D., amount due at Michaelmas, for missionary services in Weston, - - - 62.50   |
| Oct. 13,             | To cash paid Rev. J. Lyman Clark, amount due at Michaelmas, for missionary services in New Canaan, - - - 50.00  |
| "                    | To cash paid Rev. Thomas J. Davis, amount due at Michaelmas, for missionary services in Glastenbury, - - - 25.00  |
| "                    | To cash paid Rev. Albert Spooner, amount due at Michaelmas, for missionary services in Salem, - - - 50.00   |
| "                    | To cash paid Rev. James Sunderland, amount due at Michaelmas, for missionary services in Quakers' Farms, Oxford, - 50.00  |
| "                    | To cash paid Thomas Mitchell, delegate, amount due at Michaelmas, for missionary allowances to Bristol, - - - 50.00   |
| Oct. 19,             | To cash paid Rev. Silas Totten, for travelling expenses in visiting the Parish of New Britain, being on account of the appropriation made Feb. 9, 1836, and placed at the disposal of the Bishop, - - - 10.00 |
| Carried up, \$422.50 |   |

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|          | Brought up,  | \$422.50   |
| Oct. 19, | To cash paid Rev. Silas Totten, balance of travelling expenses as above authorized by the Board, October 13th, 1836,   | 15.75      |
| Nov. 9,  | To cash paid Rev. Peter G. Clark, amount due at Michaelmas, for missionary services in Wolcott,  | 25.00      |
| Nov. 18, | To cash paid Rev. Stephen Beach, amount due at Michaelmas, for missionary services in East Haddam,   | 25.00      |
| "        | To cash paid Rev. Stephen Beach, amount due at Easter, 1837, for missionary services in East Haddam, paid in anticipation, by order of the Bishop,                                     | 25.00      |
| Dec. 7,  | To cash paid Rev. A. B. Beach, being the amount due at Easter, 1837, for missionary services in Milton and Bradleyville, according to the appropriation of Oct. 12, 1836,              | 25.00      |
| 1837.    |  |            |
| Mar. 29, | To cash paid Rev. E. E. Beardsley, amount due at Easter, 1837, for missionary services in Cheshire,  | 50.00      |
| "        | To cash paid Rev. Riverius Camp, amount due at Easter, 1837, for missionary services in Milford,   | 50.00      |
| April 5, | To cash paid Rev. Thomas J. Davis, amount due at Easter, 1837, for missionary services in Glastenbury,   | 25.00      |
| May 4,   | To cash paid Rev. Albert Spooner, amount due at Easter, 1837, for missionary services in Salem and Norwich,  | 50.00      |
| "        | To cash paid Rev. J. W. Woodward, for missionary services at North Haven, appropriated this day, and considered as due at Easter, 1837,  | 50.00      |
| May 18,  | To cash paid Rev. Joseph H. Nichols, for missionary services in Greenwich, appropriated May 4th, and considered as due at Easter,  | 50.00      |
| "        | To cash paid Rev. L. H. Corson, amount due at Easter, for missionary services in Guilford, appropriated May 4th,   | 50.00      |
| "        | To cash paid Rev. Thomas Clark, amount due at Easter, for missionary services in Huntington, appropriated May 4th,   | 50.00      |
| "        | To cash paid Rev. Joseph S. Covell, amount due at Easter, for missionary services in Bristol, appropriated May 4th,  | 50.00      |
| "        | To cash paid Jesse Ives, Esqr., by order of the Bishop, for missionary services rendered in Hitchcocksville, considered as due at Easter, according to the appropriation made May 4th, | 50.00      |
| "        | To cash paid Rev. E. J. Darken, M. D., amount due at Easter, 1837, for missionary services in Weston, appropriated May 4th,  | 62.50      |
| June 9,  | To cash paid Belknap & Hammersly, for two blank books,   | 4.00       |
| June 10, | To cash paid by the Bishop for printing,   | 4.00       |
| June 13, | Balance in the Treasurer's hands,  | 52.65      |
|          |  | \$1,136.40 |

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| 1836.    |  |            |
| Oct. 13, | By cash received from the late Treasurer, the Rev. Smith Pyne,   | \$105.00   |
| Oct. 13, | By cash, amount received at the Annual Convention from 44 Parishes, as per Journal of 1836, pp. 62-64,   | 909.60     |
| Oct. 21, | By cash forwarded by order of the Rev. Smith Pyne, to correct an error in his account, the Rev. J. L. Clark not having received his order for that amount. (See Journal of 1836, p. 31.) | 50.00      |
|          | Carried up,  | \$1,064.60 |

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|          | Brought over,  | \$1,064.60        |
| Nov. 19, | By cash, a further sum from St. John's Church, Essexbo-<br>rough, by the Rev. S. Beach,            | 5.37              |
| "        | By cash, a collection in St. Stephen's Church, East Haddam,<br>by the Rev. S. Beach,               | 12.40             |
| 1837.    |  |                   |
| Mar. 30, | By cash, amount of Easter offerings, from the Parish of Christ<br>Church, Middletown,              | 18.53             |
| June 9,  | By cash, dividends on two shares Phoenix Bank Stock, for<br>March and Sept. 1836, and March, 1837, | 24.00             |
| June 10, | By cash from the Parish of St. Paul's Church, Windham,<br>through the Bishop,                      | 4.50              |
| "        | By cash from the Parish of St. Paul's Church, Woodbury,<br>through the Bishop,                     | 7.00              |
|          |  | <u>\$1,136.40</u> |

An appropriation to the Rev. Mr. Purdy, due at Easter, of \$50, remains unpaid; making the actual balance in the hands of the Treasurer, unappropriated, only \$2.65.

### NOTICE.

The Treasurer of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, informs the Clergy who may have occasion to draw upon him, that the appropriations to the several Parishes authorized by the Board of Direction, will be regularly paid at the stated periods of Easter and Michaelmas, on presenting an order from the Bishop, of which a blank form is here annexed.

### FORM OF THE ORDER ON THE TREASURER.

*To the Treasurer of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.*

SIR,

You are hereby authorized to pay to the Rev.

the sum of

being the amount due at

for missionary services in the Parish of

*Hartford,*

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*President.*

## APPENDIX, NO. III.

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### CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY.

The Convention having resolved itself into the Church Scholarship Society, the Bishop, the President of the Society, in the Chair;

The Report of the Board of Directors was read and accepted.

The Report of the Treasurer was read and accepted.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year, viz.:

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| REV. SILAS TOTTEN,        | } <i>Directors.</i> |
| SAMUEL H. HUNTINGTON,     |                     |
| GEORGE BEACH,             |                     |
| THOMAS BELKNAP,           |                     |
| WILLIAM T. LEE,           |                     |
| DUDLEY BUCK,              |                     |
| ZEPHANIAH PRESTON, Esqrs. |                     |

REV. GEORGE BURGESS, *Secretary.*

JAMES M. GOODWIN, Esq., *Treasurer.*

*Resolved*, That those Parishes in which systematic collections are made, be requested to appropriate a portion of the proceeds to this Society.

*Resolved*, That this object be particularly recommended to opulent and pious individuals in the Church.

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The Board of Education, to whose hands the concerns of the Church Scholarship Society are entrusted, respectfully present their Report; which, from the nature of their transactions, admits not of much detail.

Seven young men, students of Washington College, and looking forward to the ministry of this Church, have, within the last year, received stipends from the funds of the Society; and eight are enrolled as beneficiaries, one having been recently admitted. Three of these are members of the present Senior Class, and will probably, at the close of this collegiate year, commence their theological studies. The increase which has already taken place in the number of the students, since the closing of a kindred institution in another State, and that which may be anticipated as still probable, induce the belief that the number of applications for the aid of this Society, will sustain at least a proportionate increase. No faithful member of the Church can wish that it should be otherwise.

In anticipation of such a result, the attention of the Society is requested towards the accompanying report of the Treasurer. It will be seen, that since the last Convention, only three Parishes have contributed to the funds of this Association. The Board are sensible, that after the vote which was passed at the last annual meeting, some Parishes might have expected an application from some appointed agent; and might, therefore, have delayed their action. No agent has been appointed, because no person exactly fitted for such a sta-

tion, has come within the observation of the Board; and because it has been doubted, whether, as the funds of the Society would not allow such an appointment without the prospect of extensive results, that prospect was offered in the late and present state of the Church and the community.

It is presumed that there will be but one voice with regard to the postponement of immediate application through an agency. The Board would, therefore, respectfully suggest to such Parishes as have adopted a system of weekly, monthly, or quarterly contributions, that some portion of the proceeds be regularly allotted to this Society; and on the Rectors of other Parishes they would with the same deference, urge the propriety of drawing the attention of their people to the existence, the condition, the past usefulness, and the future importance of this and similar efforts for the supply of the ministry.

It is the confident trust of the Board, that no more than this will be necessary. They, therefore, close their report with thankfulness for the goodness which has hitherto blessed from above the labours of this Society; and with humble reliance that the same goodness will incline the Church of this Diocese to lend it in future, all needful support.

| <i>Church Scholarship Society in account with J. M. Goodwin, Treasurer,</i> |  | <i>Dr.</i>      |
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|   | To cash loaned sundry beneficiaries, from October to June,                               | \$375.00        |
| June 5,   | To interest paid J. M. Goodwin, on money borrowed of him, to this date,                  | 9.50            |
|   |  | <u>\$384.50</u> |
| June 5,   | To balance due Treasurer,  | \$12.87         |
| <i>Per Contra,</i>  |  | <i>Cr.</i>      |
| 1836.   |  |                 |
| Oct. 7,   | By balance cash on hand,   | \$36.63         |
| " 12,   | By cash from Ladies' Sewing Society, St. James' Church, New London, per Rev. Mr. Hallam, | 80.00           |
| 1837.   |  |                 |
| Feb. 1,   | By cash from Parish Christ Church, Stratford,  | 150.00          |
| May,  | By cash from Parish St. John's Church, Waterbury, per Rev. Mr. Clark,                    | 105.00          |
| June 5,   | By balance to account,   | 12.87           |
|   |  | <u>\$384.50</u> |

The above account shows a balance due the Treasurer of \$12.87. There is also due him a balance of money borrowed in January, 1836, of \$100.87. There is due to the Beneficiaries, the balance of their stipend for the present term, \$106, the Treasurer having paid them all the money in the treasury, which was half what was due them. Leaving the Society indebted to the Treasurer and the Beneficiaries, \$218.74. All which is respectfully submitted, by  
Yours, &c.

J. M. GOODWIN, Treasurer.

Hartford, June 9, 1837.

## APPENDIX, NO. IV.

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### CONSTITUTION OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, IN THE DIOCESE OF CONNECTICUT, AS AMENDED IN CONVENTION, OCTOBER, 1836.

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ARTICLE 1. The Protestant Episcopal Church in Connecticut, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, accedes to, recognizes, and adopts the General Constitution of that Church, and acknowledges its authority accordingly.

ART. 2. There shall be a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in this Diocese, on the second Tuesday of June in each year, at such place as shall have been determined upon by the Bishop; and in case of vacancy in the Episcopate, by the Standing Committee.

ART. 3. Every Convention shall be opened with prayer, and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. And it shall be the duty of the Bishop, either to deliver a charge, or sermon, or to appoint one of his Clergy to preach at the opening of each Convention;—and in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee shall appoint.

ART. 4. The Bishop shall preside in Convention; but in case of absence or of vacancy in the Episcopate, the Convention shall elect a President *pro tem*.

ART. 5. The Bishop shall have power to call a special Convention when he may judge it conducive to the good of the Church; or when applied to for that purpose by the Standing Committee, or five Presbyters. And in case of vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee shall have power to call a special Convention.

ART. 6. The Convention shall be composed of both Clergymen and Laymen. Every officiating minister of this Church, regularly appointed to the charge of a congregation, in union with this Convention; ministers employed as missionaries, under the appointment of the ecclesiastical authority; clerical instructors of youth in any seminary of learning in this State, constituted by civil or ecclesiastical authority; and ministers whose age and infirmities prevent from exercising the clerical functions; shall be members of this Convention. Each Parish in this State which shall have been received in union with the Convention, shall be entitled to a representation in the Convention, by one delegate: and if it shall consist of more than fifty families, it may be chosen by the Parish. And if any Parish be composed of two or more congregations, having a corresponding number of churches, either such Parish shall be entitled to a representation from each of such churches, or as from so many distinct Parishes. But neither any delegate, nor



seat, he shall produce a certificate of his appointment, signed by the Wardens, or Parish Clerk. And one third of the members of the Clerical order, and twenty members of the Lay order, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; but a smaller number may adjourn.

ART. 7. The Clergy and Laity in the Convention shall deliberate in one body; and on every question a majority of votes of those present shall decide: but if upon any question it be required by five members, the two orders shall vote thereon separately, and a concurrence of a majority of each order shall be necessary to give validity to any measure.

ART. 8. A Secretary shall be chosen by ballot, immediately upon the opening of the Annual Convention, from the Clerical members thereof. It shall be his duty to take minutes of their proceedings, to preserve their journals and records, to attest the public acts of the body, and faithfully deliver into the hands of his successor, all books and proceedings relative to the concerns of the Church, which may be in his possession. And it also shall be his duty to notify, through the channel of such public prints as may be designated by the ecclesiastical authority, the time and place appointed for the meeting of the succeeding, or special Convention.

ART. 9. The Standing Committee shall be elected at the Annual Convention; and shall be composed of five Clerical members, who shall be rectors of Parishes, or instructors in some seminary instituted by the ecclesiastical or civil authority of this State. At their first meeting, which shall always be on the day of their election, they shall appoint from their own body a President and a Secretary, who shall keep a journal of the proceedings, subject to the inspection of the Convention. Any three of the Committee, (the whole having been summoned by the President,) shall be a quorum, except for such purposes, as agreeably to their own rules, or the canons of the General Convention, may require a larger number.

ART. 10. The Secretary and Standing Committee of this Convention shall continue in office until their successors shall have been appointed.

ART. 11. A Treasurer shall be appointed by the Convention, to continue in office during their pleasure; and it shall be his duty to receive and manage all funds which may at any time belong to the Convention; and to lay before the Convention an annual statement of all such funds.

ART. 12. When the Episcopate of this Diocese shall become vacant by death or otherwise, the Standing Committee shall call a special Convention, within three months from the time when such vacancy shall happen, at Hartford or New Haven. And the time and place shall be notified in three or more respectable newspapers in this State, at least four weeks previous to said meeting; when the Convention may proceed to an election, or adjourn to such time and place as may be deemed expedient.

ART. 13. The election of a Bishop of this Diocese shall be in the following manner:—The two orders shall separate, and the order of the Clergy shall choose by ballot, some fit and qualified Presbyter for that office; and thereupon such choice shall be communicated to the order of Lay Delegates; and if, on ballot, the person so chosen is approved by the Lay order, he shall be declared to be duly elected. In the above mentioned election, a majority of each order shall determine a choice; provided, that two thirds of all the Clergy entitled to vote be present; otherwise, two thirds of the votes of each order present shall be necessary to determine a choice.

ART. 14. Each order in Convention shall appoint delegates to the General Convention by ballot; and the delegates thus appointed, and confirmed by the concurrent vote of both orders in Convention, shall continue in office three years, or the time that may intervene between the stated meetings of the General Convention. And in case any delegate so appointed shall decline such appointment, it shall be his duty to inform the Bishop, or in case of vacancy in the Episcopate, the President of the Standing Committee, at least two months before the meeting of the General Convention; and the Bishop, or the Standing Committee, if the Episcopate be vacant, may appoint a substitute for any delegate so declining.

ART. 15. No Clergyman shall be suspended, or receive any public censure

from the Bishop or Standing Committee of this Diocese, without having been adjudged thereto, in the way to be provided for by canon.

ART. 16. This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any article except at an annual meeting of the Convention, by a vote of two thirds of the members present; nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed and approved at the annual meeting previous to its adoption, and published at large in the journals of the Convention.

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C A N O N S  
OF THE  
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,  
IN THE  
DIOCESE OF CONNECTICUT.

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**CANON I.—***Concerning Parochial Registers and Reports. (Passed 1826, amended 1830 and 1834.)*

In order to give effect to the 40th Canon of the General Convention, it is hereby required, that every Minister of this Church shall keep a record of all the Baptisms, Marriages, and Funerals, solemnized by him, specifying the name of the parties married, the names of the persons baptized, and of the persons buried, and the time when each rite was performed. He shall also keep a register of the names of the persons confirmed, of the communicants, and of the families belonging to his Parish, which documents shall be deposited with the Clerk, in case of his removal from the Parish. And it shall be the duty of every Minister to report to the Annual Convention, an abstract of said registers, together with a written account of the state of each Parish. And at every visitation, the Minister of the Parish, or the Wardens, if the Parish be vacant, shall submit to the Bishop, for his inspection, the Parish Register.

**CANON II.—***Providing for the Convention Fund. (1825.)*

The several Parishes in this Diocese shall annually pay to the Convention Fund, at the rate of fifty cents on every one hundred dollars paid to their respective Clergymen, as their annual salary.

**CANON III.—***Declaring the Offences for which a Clergyman may be brought to trial. (1825.)*

Disorderly and immoral conduct, vicious or unseemly diversions, neglect of duty, disregard to the Constitution and Canons of the General or State Convention, a deviation from the Rubrics, and disseminating or countenancing opinions which are contrary to the doctrines of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, are offences for which a Clergyman may be brought to trial.

**CANON IV.—***Of the Manner in which a Clergyman shall be brought to trial. (1825.)*

In order to bring a Clergyman to trial before an ecclesiastical court, a charge shall be made in the first place to the Standing Committee, in writing, under the proper signature of at least two persons, one of whom shall be a Presbyter of this Diocese. And if the Standing Committee shall deem the offence

charged, as coming within the offences enumerated in the canons of the Diocese of Connecticut, or of the General Convention, they shall present the same to the Bishop in the following form:

*To A. B., Bishop of the State of Connecticut:*

The Standing Committee of this Diocese respectfully represent, that C. D. has been accused, under the hand of E. F. and G. H., of [here recite the charge or charges,] and the Committee are of opinion that there is sufficient ground for presenting the said C. D. for trial, agreeably to the canons in such case made and provided.  
[Signed by the Standing Committee.]

Whereupon the Bishop shall summon nine Presbyters to meet, at some time, not within ninety days, at some place within the county where the accused shall reside or officiate, for the time being: five of whom shall be sufficient to constitute a court for the trial of the charge or charges. If more than five of the persons summoned shall appear, the accused may object to any individual over that number, at his own discretion. If no objection be made, the whole number present shall sit on the trial.

The Bishop shall forthwith give notice to the Standing Committee of the time and place of the meeting of the court. And the Standing Committee shall act as prosecutors in the case; and at least sixty days before the trial, shall furnish the accused with a copy of the presentment—notice of the time and place of trial—and a specification of the facts on which they expect to maintain the charges. And the accused, at least thirty days before the trial, shall furnish the Standing Committee with a statement of the grounds of his defence on each specification.

At the fixed time for the trial, the members of the court shall choose a President from their own number, and a Secretary, either from their own number or otherwise, as they shall see fit; and they shall, before they proceed, adopt and declare the rules by which the trial shall be conducted: *Provided*, however, that no layman shall advocate for either party on the trial: though both parties may, at their option, employ or consult legal or other advisers.

If the accused shall neglect or refuse to appear, or to answer to the charges in the manner herein prescribed, the court shall order judgment to be rendered against him by default. But if he shall appear, the court shall proceed to a fair and impartial hearing of the whole matter, and shall adjudge him *guilty*, or *not guilty*, according to the evidence; and if guilty, the sentence which in their opinion ought to be pronounced.

The Secretary shall keep a record of all the proceedings—containing a copy of the presentment—of the specifications—of the notice to the accused, and of his answer—with a statement of all the evidence, both oral and written—and the final judgment of the court: and an attested copy of this record shall be forthwith delivered to the Bishop. If the judgment be *not guilty*, the Bishop shall give a certificate of *acquittal* to the accused, embracing a copy of the presentment and specifications; and the accused shall not be subjected to a second trial on the same facts. If the court judge him *guilty*, on one or more points at issue, the Bishop may disapprove the judgment and order a new trial, stating his grounds for such decision: or he may approve the judgment; and in that case he shall, within thirty days, proceed to such ecclesiastical censure, as the case may, in his opinion, require—whether it be admonition, suspension, or degradation from the ministry.

**CANON V.** *Concerning the Manner in which Clergymen are to take Charge of Parishes, and their separation from them.* (1826.)

No Clergyman shall take the charge of any Parish in this Diocese, without having first obtained the written permission of the Bishop, or in case there be no Bishop, of the Standing Committee of the Diocese. Nor shall any Clergyman having the charge of a Parish, relinquish the same without the written permission of the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, of the Standing Committee. And every violation of this canon shall constitute an offence for which a

Clergyman may be tried under the canon of 1826, providing for the trial of Clergymen.

CANON VI. *Providing for the Preservation of the Records of the Standing Committee.* (1826.)

It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Standing Committee, to prepare an abstract of their proceedings from year to year, and present the same to the Convention at its annual meeting. The abstract shall specify the time and place of each meeting of the Committee during the year—the number present—the names of the candidates presented for admission, with the decision of the Committee in each case—and the substance of all other matters which shall be brought before them, and such abstract shall be entered on the journals of the Convention, and published therewith.

CANON VII. *Concerning Collections for the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge.*

It shall be the duty of the Rector and Wardens, or of the Wardens where there is no Rector, of every Parish in the Diocese, to make an annual collection for the benefit of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge.

CANON VIII. *For the Regulation and Maintenance of Cures.* (1828.)

It shall be the duty of the Convention, from time to time, to examine and declare the limits of the several cures within the Diocese—and in the settlement and maintenance of Clergymen, the several Parishes shall steadily adhere to such arrangement, except in cases of imperious necessity, and with the advice and consent of the ecclesiastical authority. And any Parish refusing to acquiesce in such arrangement, shall, while such refusal continues, be thereby excluded from representation in the Convention. And further, no Clergyman of this Diocese shall accept a settlement in any of the Parishes in this State, which may refuse to acquiesce in the arrangement of the Convention as to cures, unless for special causes, it may seem good for the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese to dispense with the provisions of this canon.

CANON IX. *Concerning Annual Parish Meetings.* (1830.)

There shall be an annual meeting of the parishioners of every Parish in this Diocese, on Easter Monday, or some other day legally appointed, for the purpose of electing the Wardens and Vestry, and of transacting such other business as may come before said meeting: which Wardens and Vestry shall constitute the Society's Committee, agreeably to the provisions of the statute.

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## CONSTITUTION

OF THE

## CONNECTICUT EPISCOPAL ACADEMY, (AT CHESHIRE.)

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ARTICLE 1. The Academy established at Cheshire by the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, shall be known by the name of the Episcopal Academy of Connecticut.

ART. 2. The Government of the Academy shall be vested in twenty-one Trustees, of which number shall be the Bishop of Connecticut, and the Prin-

Principal of the Academy, *ex officio*. The other Trustees shall be chosen by the Convention, seven of whom shall be Presbyters of the Church, and the remainder Laymen, residing in the State of Connecticut.

ART. 3. Whenever a Trustee shall remove out of the State, he shall cease to be a member of the Board; and the seat of any Trustee may be declared vacant by the Convention, on his absentsing himself from three successive meetings, or for any other cause satisfactory to the Convention.

ART. 4. Five of the Trustees shall form a Board, who shall meet annually at the Academy. The President, or Vice-President, may call a meeting of the Trustees, at any other time when they shall deem it necessary, or when a majority of the Trustees shall require it; public notice thereof being given in one or more newspapers in this State, at least two weeks previous to said meeting, by an advertisement signed by the Bishop, who shall be President, or by the Principal of the Academy, who shall be Vice-President of the Board.

ART. 5. Every vacancy among the Trustees shall be filled by the Convention.

ART. 6. The Principal of the Academy, who shall be a Communicant in the Protestant Episcopal Church, shall be elected by the Board of Trustees, a majority of the Trustees for the time being concurring, and shall continue in office during their pleasure. But in all cases, where a dissolution of the connection is contemplated, three months' notice of such design shall be given by the party desiring it.

ART. 7. The Branches taught in the Academy, shall be the Classics and the higher branches of English education, and the Academy shall be designed exclusively for boys.

ART. 8. The Government of the Academy, and the appointment of Assistants, shall be solely in the hands of the Principal; provided no Assistant shall be continued in office after the expression of a request on the part of the Trustees for his removal.

ART. 9. No By-law of the Academy shall compel the Students to attend public worship, but at such place or places as their respective parents or guardians shall direct.

ART. 10. Whenever the foregoing articles shall be adopted by a vote of the Convention, they shall become the Constitution of the Episcopal Academy of Connecticut, and be subject to no revision or alteration but by a vote of the Convention.

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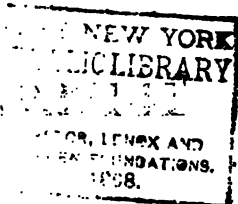
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## LIST OF THE PARISHES

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, IN THE DIOCESE OF  
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### *Hartford County.*

Hartford, Christ Church.  
Glastenbury, St. Luke's Church.  
Simsbury, St. Andrew's Church.  
Granby, St. Peter's Church.  
East Windsor, (Warehouse Point,) St. John's Church.  
Southington, ——— Church.  
Bristol, Trinity Church.  
New Britain, St. Mark's Church.

### *Windham County.*

Brooklyn, Trinity Church.  
Pomfret, Christ Church.  
Windham, St. Paul's Church.

### *Middlesex County.*

Middletown, Christ Church.  
Chatham, Trinity Church.  
Middle Haddam, Christ Church.  
East Haddam, St. Stephen's Church.  
Saybrook, { (Essex,) St. John's Church.  
Grace Church.  
North Killingworth, Union Church.

### *New Haven County.*

New Haven, { Trinity Church.  
St. Paul's Chapel.  
St. James, (Westville.)  
Guilford, Christ Church.  
North Guilford, St. John's Church.  
Branford, Trinity Church.  
North Branford, Trinity Church.  
East Haven, Christ Church.  
North Haven, St. John's Church.  
Northford, St. Andrew's Church.  
Wallingford, St. Paul's Church.  
Cheshire, St. Peter's Church.  
Meriden, St. Andrew's Church.  
Hamden, Grace Church.  
West Haven, St. Luke's Church.  
Milford, St. George's Church.  
Derby, St. James' Church.  
Humphreysville, Union Church.  
Oxford, { St. Peter's Church.  
Christ Church, (Quakers' Farms.)  
Waterbury, St. John's Church.  
Naugatuck, St. Michael's Church.  
Woodbridge, Trinity Church.  
Middlebury, ——— Church.  
Bethany, Christ Church.  
Wolcott, All Saints' Church.

### *Tolland County.*

Hebron, St. Peter's Church.

### *New London County.*

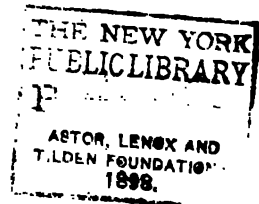
New London, St. James' Church.  
Norwich, Christ Church.  
Preston, (Poquetonnuck,) St. James' Church.  
Salem, Christ Church.

### *Fairfield County.*

Stratford, Christ Church.  
Bridgeport, St. John's Church.  
Fairfield, Trinity Church.  
Weston, ——— Church.  
Norwalk, St. Paul's Church.  
Stamford, St. John's Church.  
Wilton, St. Matthew's Church.  
Ridgefield, St. Stephen's Church.  
Danbury, { St. James' Church.  
St. Thomas' Chapel,  
(Bethel.)  
Reading, Christ Church.  
Newtown, { Trinity Church.  
St. James' Church.  
Brookfield, St. Paul's Church.  
Huntington, St. Paul's Church.  
Monroe, St. Peter's Church.  
Trumbull, Christ Church.  
New Canaan, St. Mark's Church.  
Greenwich, Christ Church.  
Westport, Christ Church.

### *Litchfield County.*

Litchfield, St. Michael's Church.  
Bradleyville, ——— Church.  
Milton, ——— Church.  
Northfield, Trinity Church.  
New Milford, St. John's Church.  
Bridgewater, St. Mark's Church.  
Sharon, St. Paul's Church.  
Kent, St. Andrew's Church.  
New Preston, St. Andrew's Church.  
Washington, St. John's Church.  
Salisbury, St. John's Church.  
Woodbury, St. Paul's Church.  
Roxbury, ——— Church.  
Bethlem, Christ Church.  
Watertown, Christ Church.  
Canaan, ——— Church.  
Plymouth, { St. Peter's Church.  
St. Matthew's Church.  
Hitchcocksville, Union Church.



## JOURNAL OF THE CONVENTION, 1838.

HARTFORD, JUNE 12th, 1838.

THIS being the day appointed by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Connecticut, for the Annual Convention of the same, the Right Rev. Thomas Church Brownell, D. D. LL. D., Bishop of the Diocese, and several of the Clergy and Laity, assembled at half past 10 o'clock, A. M., in Christ Church, in the city of Hartford, which had been previously designated by the Bishop as the place of meeting.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Ambrose S. Todd, Rector of St. John's Church, Stamford, assisted by the Rev. Enoch Huntington, Rector of St. John's Church, New Milford, and a Sermon delivered by the Rev. William Cooper Mead, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Norwalk.

Messrs. Alonzo B. Chapin, Zebadiah Hyde, Mansfield, and Henry B. Sherman, were then admitted by the Bishop to the Holy Order of Deacons; and the Rev. Messrs. David Ogden, Henry Fitch, and Alfred Lee, to that of Priests; after which the Bishop proceeded to administer the Holy Communion, in which he was assisted by the Rev. Dr. Mead and the Rev. Messrs. Todd and Huntington.

The services being concluded, the Convention was called to order by the Bishop.

The list of Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention, was called by the Secretary, when the following gentlemen answered to their names, and took their seats as members:

The Rt. Rev. T. C. Brownell,  
Rev. David Baldwin,  
" Lorenzo T. Bennet,  
" E. Edwards Beardsley,  
" George Burgess,  
" Jacob L. Clark,  
" Thomas Clark,  
" Nathaniel E. Cornwall,  
" Joseph H. Covell,  
" Harry Croswell, D. D.  
" Edward J. Darken,  
" Samuel M. Emery,  
" Henry Fitch,  
" Alpheus Geer,  
" John M. Guion,  
" Robert A. Hallam,

Rev. Solomon G. Hitchcock,  
" Frederick Holcomb,  
" Oliver Hopson,  
" Lemuel B. Hull,  
" Enoch Huntington,  
" Edward Ingersoll,  
" Samuel F. Jarvis, D. D.  
" William Jarvis,  
" Stephen Jewett,  
" Isaac Jones,  
" Alfred Lee,  
" William C. May,  
" Allen C. Morgan,  
" Joseph B. Norton,  
" David A. Rice,  
" Saml. F. Drake.



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| Rev. Rodney Rossiter, | Rev. Silas Totten,     |
| " John H. Rouse,      | " James M. Tappan,     |
| " George C. Shephard, | " William Warland, Jr. |
| " David H. Short,     | " Ransom Warner,       |
| " Samuel C. Stratton, | " William Watson,      |
| " George A. Sterling, | " John W. Woodward,    |
| " Ambrose S. Todd,    | " Eli Wheeler.         |
| " David G. Tomlinson, |                        |

The Secretary, and the Rev. Messrs. Baldwin and Rossiter, were appointed a Committee, to receive and examine the testimonials of the Lay Delegates.

The Convention then adjourned, to meet in the same place, at 3 o'clock P. M.

CHRIST CHURCH, TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 3 O'CLOCK.

The Convention assembled pursuant to adjournment.

The committee to whom were referred the testimonials of the Lay Delegates, reported that the following persons had been duly elected to represent their respective Parishes in this Convention :

Elijah Warner, } St. Peter's Church, Plymouth.  
 •Egbert T. Butler, }  
 Daniel Russell, Trinity Church, Chatham.  
 Eli Lyon, 2d, Christ Church, Reading.  
 Everett Clark, } St. James' Church, Danbury,  
 } and St. Thomas' Chapel, Bethel.  
 Henry Northrop, } St. Stephen's Church, Ridgefield.  
 John B. Grummon, }  
 Luman Preston, St. Matthew's Church, Plymouth.  
 Henry Bronson, ———, Middlebury.  
 •Alfred Bassett,  
 William B. Dickerman, } Grace Church, Hamden.  
 William H. Scovil, }  
 Samuel Hall, } St. John's Church, Waterbury.  
 Joel Foote, }  
 John S. Peters, M. D. } St. Peter's Church, Hebron.  
 Albert Todd, St. Andrew's Church, Northford.  
 Richard Adams, Esq. } Christ Church, Norwich.  
 Elisha Tracey, Esq. }  
 Nathaniel Carroll, } St. Michael's Church, Naugatuck.  
 William H. Merriman, }  
 •Burrage Beach, Esq. } St. Peter's Church, Cheshire.  
 Asa J. Driggs, M. D. }  
 George Hubbard, } Christ Church, Middle Haddam.  
 George Shepherd, }  
 James D. Mead, St. Paul's Church, Norwalk.  
 Dudley Watrous, } St. Luke's Church, Glastenbury.  
 •Henry Dayton, }  
 Charles A. Sterling, Christ Church, Sharon.  
 William W. Boardman, Esq. }  
 R. S. Hinman, Esq. } Trinity Parish, New Haven.  
 Enos A. Prescott, }  
 Emmanuel Henriques, }  
 A. A. Perkins, } Christ Church, Bethany.  
 Ephraim L. Perkins, }  
 Hezekiah Case, } St. Andrew's Church, Simsbury.  
 •William Adams, }  
 Alvia Brown, New Preston.  
 Eli F. Rogers, Trinity Church, Branford.

Joseph Goodspeed, } St. Stephen's Church, East Haddam.  
 William Palmer, Jr. }  
 Wait S. Northrop, St. Paul's Church, Brookfield.  
 Dunning Babbitt, Bridgewater.  
 Moses Andrews, } St. Andrew's Church, Meriden.  
 Enos H. Curtis, }  
 Uriah Spencer, Union Church, Hitchcocksville.  
 Jeremiah Royce, Trinity Church, Bristol.  
 Frederick W. Foote, } Trinity Church, Newtown.  
 Isaac N. Hawley, }  
 Frederick Sill, Christ Church, Middletown.  
 William H. Noble, St. John's Church, Bridgeport.  
 Alanson Warren, Christ Church, Watertown.  
 Joel W. White, } St. Paul's Church, Windham.  
 F. W. A. Haughton, }  
 Samuel H. Huntington, Esq. } Christ Church, Hartford.  
 Thomas Belknap, }  
 Samuel F. Lambert, St. Matthew's Church, Wilton.  
 Ira E. Smith, St. Mark's Church, New Britain.  
 Artemas Worthington, Christ Church, Salem.  
 George Hall, St. Paul's Church, Wallingford.  
 Dennis Nash, Christ Church, Westport.  
 Mildred M. Isabel, St. James' Church, Westville.

This Report being accepted, the roll of Lay Delegates was called, when a quorum was found to be present. Those marked with an asterisk, were absent.

The Convention then proceeded to the choice of a Secretary, when, on counting the ballots, the Rev. ALLEN C. MORGAN was found to be re-elected.

On motion, Mr. DANIEL RUSSELL was appointed Assistant Secretary.

The Bishop then delivered the following Address, pursuant to the 51st Canon of the General Convention.

## ADDRESS.

### MY BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY, AND OF THE LAITY:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the Church of this Diocese, we are again assembled in Annual Convention. It should be our first act to render our grateful thanksgivings to the Head of the Church, for the guardian care and favour which he has vouchsafed to this portion of his vineyard, during the year which has elapsed, and to supplicate his blessing on our persons, and his direction in our deliberations, during our present session. Every good and perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights; and it becomes us constantly to bear in mind that from this rich source of blessings is derived all the happiness that we enjoy, and all the temporal prosperity and spiritual illumination, that are shed upon the Church.

Since the last Convention, I have visited nearly all the Parishes in the Diocese, and several of them have recently received a second visitation. In the course of these visits, 546 persons have received the imposition of hands, in the following Parishes, viz.:

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| June 20, Danbury, . . . . . | 13 | June 25, Norwalk, . . . . . | 5 |
| " 22, Reading, . . . . .    | 2  | " " Westport, . . . . .     | 4 |
| " 23, Ridgefield, . . . . . | 2  | " 26, New Canaan, . . . . . | 2 |
| " 24, Wilton, . . . . .     | 2  | July 2, Stamford, . . . . . | 6 |

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| July 3, Southport, . . . . .             | 4  | Dec. 3, Cheshire, . . . . .     | 5   |
| " 5, Huntington, . . . . .               | 3  | " " Hamden, . . . . .           | 4   |
| Aug. 11, Glastenbury, . . . . .          | 9  | " 6, New Britain, . . . . .     | 8   |
| Sept. 18, Milton, . . . . .              | 6  | Feb. 18, East Haddam, . . . . . | 7   |
| " 19, Bradleyville, . . . . .            | 1  | Apr. 15, Chatham, . . . . .     | 14  |
| " 20, Watertown, . . . . .               | 6  | " 16, Middle Haddam, . . . . .  | 3   |
| " 21, Bethlem, . . . . .                 | 3  | " 22, Hebron, . . . . .         | 8   |
| " 26, Newtown, . . . . .                 | 7  | " 23, Salem, . . . . .          | 2   |
| " 28, Monroe, . . . . .                  | 9  | " 29, New London, . . . . .     | 5   |
| Oct. 1, Stratford, . . . . .             | 7  | May 1, Norwich, . . . . .       | 8   |
| " " Bridgeport, . . . . .                | 21 | " " Poqueetonnuck, . . . . .    | 2   |
| " 13, Waterbury, . . . . .               | 25 | " 9, Sharon, . . . . .          | 7   |
| " 15, Naugatuck, . . . . .               | 10 | " 10, Kent, . . . . .           | 4   |
| " " Bethany, . . . . .                   | 8  | " 11, New Milford, . . . . .    | 41  |
| " 16, Humphreysville, . . . . .          | 2  | " 13, Washington, . . . . .     | 4   |
| " 17, Oxford, . . . . .                  | 6  | " 14, Woodbury, . . . . .       | 8   |
| " 18, Derby, . . . . .                   | 3  | " 15, Roxbury, . . . . .        | 1   |
| " 19, Branford, . . . . .                | 5  | " 17, Brookfield, . . . . .     | 2   |
| " 20, North Guilford, . . . . .          | 5  | " 18, Bethel, . . . . .         | 6   |
| " 21, Guilford, . . . . .                | 3  | " 19, Ridgefield, . . . . .     | 8   |
| " 22, New Haven,* . . . . .              | 71 | " 21, Wilton, . . . . .         | 2   |
| " 23, North Haven, . . . . .             | 10 | " 23, Stamford, . . . . .       | 7   |
| " " Northford, . . . . .                 | 13 | " 24, Westport, . . . . .       | 6   |
| " 29, Bristol, . . . . .                 | 8  | June 3, Hartford, . . . . .     | 48  |
| " 30, Plymouth, (St. Peter's,) . . . . . | 26 |                                 |     |
| Nov. 5, Hartford, . . . . .              | 26 | In all, . . . . .               | 546 |
| " 19, Warehouse Point, . . . . .         | 2  |                                 |     |

The following ordinations have been held since the last Convention, viz.: On the 6th of July, in St. John's Church, Bridgeport, William G. Heyer, Solomon G. Hitchcock, David Ogden, and Henry Fitch, were admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons;—the three latter being graduates of the General Theological Seminary. On the 25th of August, in St. Mark's Church, Bridgewater, George A. Sterling was admitted to the same Holy Order.

The following Clergymen have been admitted to the Holy Order of the Priesthood, viz.: The Rev. David H. Short, in St. Thomas' Chapel, Danbury, on the 20th of June; the Rev. Theodore W. Snow, in St. Paul's Church, Wallingford, on the 6th of December; and the Rev. Charles Cleaveland, in St. John's Church, East Windsor, on the 10th of December.

This morning, after divine service, the Rev. Alfred Lee, the Rev. David Ogden, and the Rev. Henry Fitch, were admitted to the Holy Order of Priests, and Alonzo B. Chapin, Zebadiah Hyde Mansfield, and Henry B. Sherman, to the Order of Deacons.

Five new Churches have been consecrated since our last annual meeting, viz.: St. John's Church, Bridgeport, on the 6th of July; Trinity Church, Milton, on the 18th of August; St. Mark's Church, Bridgewater, on the 25th of August; St. Mark's Church, New Britain, on the 6th of December; and St. John's Church, New Milford, on the 11th of May. The new Church in Glastenbury, is now ready for Consecration. It is very gratifying to observe the great improvement in Church architecture which has taken place in our Diocese within the last ten or fifteen years. The first Church named above, St. John's, Bridgeport, is very spacious, and is built of granite, in the most substantial manner. The last named, St. John's, New Milford, is exceedingly neat and convenient in its arrangements, and is an excellent model of a wooden Church.

The removals of the Clergy from one Parish to another, partly from the growth of the Church, but too frequently from the capricious spirit of the times, have been so frequent that the office of Institution has fallen nearly into disuse. It is with peculiar pleasure that I notice every thing that looks like

\* Eleven of them being from the Parishes of Westville and West Haven, under the charge of the Rev. Stephen Jewett.

permanency in our pastoral relations. In the course of the past year, the Rev. David H. Short has been instituted into the Rectorship of the Parish of St. James' Church, and St. Thomas' Chapel, Danbury; and the Rev. William Watson has been instituted Rector of St. Peter's Church, Plymouth.

Among the clerical changes of the past year, I have to record the decease of the Rev. Stephen Beach, of East Haddam, and the Rev. Asa Cornwall, of Cheshire; both of whom, we trust, were prepared to give a good account of their Ministry, to the Great Shepherd and Bishop of souls. Clergymen have presented letters dimissory from other Dioceses, and have been canonically received as Presbyters of this Diocese, viz.: The Rev. Eli Wheeler, the Rev. Hilliard Bryant, and the Rev. Servilius Stocking, from New York; the Rev. Theodore W. Snow, from Massachusetts; the Rev. Caleb J. Good, from Pennsylvania, and the Rev. Thomas W. Coit, D. D., from Kentucky.—The following Clergymen have received dimissory letters, and have removed to other Dioceses, viz.: The Rev. Ashbel Steele, to Indiana; the Rev. Bethel Judd, D. D., the Rev. Thomas W. Coit, D. D., and the Rev. William A. Curtis, to New York; and the Rev. Charles Cleaveland, to Vermont.—The Rev. Riverius Camp has resigned the Rectorship of Milford, and accepted the charge of the Parishes of Brooklyn and Pomfret; the Rev. L. H. Corson has resigned the charge of Christ Church, Guilford, and has been succeeded by the Rev. Edward J. Darken, who previously officiated at Reading and Weston. The Rev. Thomas J. Davis, and the Rev. Lucius M. Purdy, have resigned the charge of their respective Parishes of New Britain and Sharon, and the latter Parish is now supplied by the Rev. Charles W. Bradley, of the Diocese of New York. The Rev. James M. Tappan, from the same Diocese, is now officiating in the Parish of Essexborough. The Rev. Charles J. Todd, some time a Missionary in the State of Indiana, has returned to this Diocese, and is now Rector of St. Paul's Church, Windham. The Rev. Eli Wheeler, from the Diocese of New York, is settled in the Rectorship of St. Stephen's Church, Ridgefield, and the Rev. Servilius Stocking, from the same Diocese, is officiating in the Parishes of Milford and West Haven. Of the Clergymen ordained within the year, the Rev. S. G. Hitchcock is settled at Woodbury, the Rev. David Ogden at New Canaan, the Rev. Henry Fitch at Hamden, and the Rev. George A. Sterling, is officiating at Middle Haddam.

The following persons are now Candidates for Holy Orders in this Diocese, viz.: William B. Ashley, Andrew H. Cornish, Abel Nicholls, Thomas G. Saker, William Payne, N. S. Richardson, Isaac H. Tuttle, J. Henry Elliott, Charles Prindle, Paschal P. P. Kidder, Thomas Clap Pitkin, Martin Moody, James R. Bailly, James D. Mead, William G. French, Ephraim L. Perkins, John Riggs, Abner Jackson, Sheldon Davis, George L. Foote, William G. Morgan, Henry Townsend, William Atwill, Daniel Shepherd, Richard S. Adams.

My Brethren;—In addition to this brief summary of my Episcopal acts for the past year, I shall presently have to lay before you the parochial Reports of the Clergy, all which, taken together, will enable you to form a suitable estimate of the present condition of the Diocese. Though some few Parishes have been depressed, through the adverse circumstances of the times, and though two or three may have declined from the want of Pastoral superintendence, the general condition of the Church, so far as relates to its external character, appears to be prosperous. A remarkable degree of harmony, in doctrine and in feeling, pervades the Diocese. Few Parishes have been disturbed by any local difficulties, and a great portion of the Parishes appear to be steadily advancing in numbers and in strength.

The spiritual condition of the Diocese can be fully discerned only by the eye of Omniscience. I trust, however, that it is not declining, and devoutly hope it may be improving. The Clergy, as a body, are eminently self-denying, laborious, faithful to their vows, and devoted to the cause of their divine Master. The public mind, which, for the last few years, has been peculiarly engrossed with worldly cares and projects, appears to be getting, in some good degree, disenthralled; and a greater sensibility to the concerns of religion

seems to be reviving in the minds of men. In addition to the blighting influence of this secular engrossment, the careful observer of the course of the last six years can hardly have failed to notice a wide-spread apathy in religion:—a re-action, as it should seem, consequent on the high religious excitements of the two years which preceded them. If we rightly discern the signs of the times, a brighter period is about to dawn upon the community. Through the good providence of God, the symptoms of renewed vitality seem to be apparent, amid that apathy which has so long paralyzed the religious sensibilities of this portion of our country. The fitful excitements, which have recently been manifested in various parts of the State, are indications, as we devoutly hope, of the general spread of more animated and steady religious affections. So far as these excitements have prevailed, our Communion has participated in their benefits; while, by our excellent order and discipline, we have escaped their excesses. Happy will it be for the Christian Church at large, when less reliance shall be placed on periodical agitations and excitements, and novel expedients for the promotion of religion; and when every one who exercises the office of a Christian Minister shall confide in the sufficiency of the *ordinary means of grace*; prescribed and provided, as they are by the Saviour, illustrated by the writings and practice of the Apostles, and sanctioned by the experience of the Church in her purest and most enlightened ages. Then shall we be no more pained at the dissensions and extravagances which are bringing so much reproach on the Christian religion. A persevering, well-regulated zeal and devotion, will take the place of brief paroxysms of feverish excitement, followed by long periods of coldness and apathy; the appointed means of grace will be more justly appreciated, and more faithfully complied with; and a more enlightened and evangelical piety will be diffused through the land.

Brethren;—In my former annual addresses, I have seldom failed to call your attention to the Institutions, established by this Diocese, for the advancement of learning and religion. Occasionally, too, I have thought it useful to direct your attention to the general Institutions of the Church: I know of ~~nothing to add, in relation to any of these Institutions~~, but to invoke for them your continued interest and support. A communication will be laid before you from the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, to which I would invite your especial consideration.

Brethren;—I will detain you no longer from the business of the Convention. Let us proceed to it in the true spirit of the religion which we profess;—with a supreme regard to the glory of God, and an earnest desire for the spiritual welfare of our fellow men. Let us seek to be delivered from all the errors of ignorance, pride, and prejudice, and let us supplicate the direction of God in our councils, and his blessing on our labours.

THOS. C. BROWNELL, *Bishop of the Diocese of Connecticut.*

Hartford, June 12, 1838.

• On motion, *Resolved*, That the Rules of Order of the last Convention, be adopted as the rules for the present Convention.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, belonging to other Dioceses, and candidates for Holy Orders, who may be in town during the session of this Convention, be admitted to seats in the same.

Pursuant to this resolution, the Rev. T. S. Judd, Rev. F. W. Hatch, of the Diocese of New York, took their seats in this Convention.

On motion, *Resolved*, That this Convention will attend to the business of the Church Scholarship Society, to-morrow evening, at half past 7 o'clock.

On motion, *Resolved*, That when this Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning, for morning Prayer, and that it proceed to the ordinary business of the Convention, immediately after.

The Treasurer of the Convention then presented his account, pursuant to the provisions of the 11th article of the Constitution, when,

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That this account be submitted to a Committee, to be audited, and that the same Committee be instructed to devise ways and means to defray the annual expenses of the Convention.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the 2d and 7th Canons of this Diocese be submitted to the consideration of the same Committee.

Messrs. *Foote, Huntington, and Lambert*, were appointed the Committee.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the ordinary business of the Convention be now suspended, to allow the Treasurer of the Convention, of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, and of the Diocesan Fund, opportunity to receive the quotas due from the Parishes to their respective funds.

This business being transacted, the ordinary business of the Convention was resumed.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed on the subject of the "Chronicle of the Church."

The Rev. Dr. *Jarvis*, the Rev. Mr. *Beardsley*, and Mr. *Belknap*, were accordingly appointed.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration that part of the Bishop's Address to the last Annual Convention, which relates to the subject of the frequency of the Episcopal Visitations.

The Rev. Dr. *Mead*, the Rev. Messrs. *Holcomb, Hull, Paddock, and Emery*, were accordingly appointed.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to nominate two Trustees of the Connecticut Episcopal Academy, to fill the places vacated by the death of the Rev. Asa Cornwall, and the removal of the Rev. Dr. Wheaton.

The Rev. Messrs. *Morgan and Burgess*, were accordingly appointed.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to ascertain how many Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, this Diocese is entitled to; and to make a nomination accordingly.

The Rev. Dr. *Croswell*, the Rev. *J. L. Clark*, and Mr. *S. H. Huntington*, were appointed this Committee.

On motion, *Resolved*, That at 8 o'clock to-morrow, this Convention will proceed to the election of the Standing Committee for the ensuing year, and also of the Trustees to the General Theological Seminary, and of Delegates to the next General Convention.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the blank be filled with 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

On motion, *Resolved*, That immediately after Divine Service to-morrow morning, this Convention will proceed to hear the Parochial Reports, and continue to hear them, until they are finished.

On motion, This Convention was then adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning, being the hour previously designated.

#### CHRIST CHURCH, WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 13, 8 O'CLOCK.

The Convention assembled pursuant to adjournment.

The morning service was read by the Rev. *Samuel C. Stratton*, Rector of Trinity Church, Newtown, after which, the Bishop took the chair, and the Convention proceeded to business.

The roll was then called, and the minutes of the preceding day were read, and, after various amendments, were accepted.

In addition to the Clerical members present, yesterday, the Rev. Gurdon S.

Coit, and the Rev. P. G. Clark, took their seats to-day as members of the Convention.

Philip S. Cannon, from St. John's Church, Bridgeport; and Messrs. Isaac Thompson and Francis Allen, from St. James' Church, New London; Dr. George Jarvis, from Union Church, Hitchcocksville, presented their testimonials, which, being approved, they were admitted as members of this Convention.

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of this Convention, made a report, which, on motion, was laid on the table.

The Convention then proceeded to hear the Parochial Reports, which were finished; when, the hour previously designated having arrived, the Convention proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee for the ensuing year.

Rev. HARRY CROSWELL, D. D., Rev. SAMUEL F. JARVIS, D. D., Rev. LEMUEL B. HULL, Rev. SETH B. PADDOCK, Rev. GEORGE BURGESS, were elected.

The Committee on the General Theological Seminary reported, that this Diocese is entitled to eleven Trustees in that Institution, and they nominated the following gentlemen as Trustees:

Rev. DANIEL BURHANS, D. D.  
Rev. HARRY CROSWELL, D. D.  
Rev. SAMUEL F. JARVIS, D. D.  
Rev. WILLIAM C. MEAD, D. D.  
Rev. SILAS TOTTEN,  
Rev. FREDERICK HOLCOMB,

RICHARD ADAMS, Esq.  
PHILIP A. CANNON, Esq.  
SAMUEL H. HUNTINGTON, Esq.  
JUSTUS L. BUSH, Esq.  
WILLIAM W. BOARDMAN, Esq.

On motion, *Resolved*, That this nomination be accepted.

The House of Clerical and Lay Delegates then separated, for the purpose of choosing the Delegates to the next General Convention. When the Convention again united, it appeared that the following persons had been elected Delegates to the General Convention, and their election was thereupon confirmed by a joint vote of both orders:

*Of the Clergy*—Rev. Harry Crosswell, D. D., Rev. Frederick Holcomb, Rev. Silas Totten, Rev. William C. Mead, D. D.

*Laity*—Hon. John S. Peters, Hon. William W. Boardman, James M. L. Scoville, Samuel H. Huntington, Esquires.

The Treasurer of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, presented the accounts of said Society for the past year, whereupon,

On motion, *Resolved*, That the accounts be submitted to a Committee of audit.

Hon. J. S. Peters, and Mr. Thomas Belknap, were appointed said Committee.

The Committee appointed to nominate two persons as Trustees of the Connecticut Episcopal Academy, made a report, nominating the Rev. E. Edwards Beardsley and the Rev. Silas Totten, and they were accordingly elected Trustees of said Institution.

The Committee appointed on the subject of the "Chronicle of the Church," made a Report, which was accepted, and the following resolutions were passed:

*Resolved*, That it is the duty of the Clergy and Laity of this Diocese to pro-

mote, by all proper means, a general circulation of the "Chronicle of the Church."

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Clergy and Laity, and to the Clergy more especially, to lighten the labours of the Editor, by addressing communications to him, on all subjects of local or general interest.

*Resolved*, That it is the duty of the whole Diocese to increase the subscriptions, so as to give the Editor a comfortable support for himself and family, and thus enable him to devote all his time and attention to the improvement of the Chronicle.

*Resolved*, That the question in regard to the incidental expenses of the "Chronicle of the Church" for the first year, be laid before the Bishop and Standing Committee, and if they find a deficiency in said year, that they devise such means as may be deemed proper, to meet such deficiency, or to assist the Editor to meet them.

The Committee appointed on that part of the Bishop's address to the last Annual Convention, which relates to the subject of Episcopal visitations, submitted the following report and resolutions; when, on motion, the report was accepted, and the resolutions were passed:

#### REPORT.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's address to the last Annual Convention, as relates to Episcopal visitations, beg leave to report,

That having had the subject under consideration, they are of opinion, that the Bishop's visitations might be made much more useful and profitable to the Parishes, by an alteration in the time and manner of making them. The number of congregations in the Diocese is such, that if the Bishop visits them all every year, in those seasons which are favourable for an attendance on public worship, his stay in each Parish must necessarily be very short. This circumstance alone may account for the occasional negligence which exists on the part of the Clergy to accompany the Bishop in his visitations, and the consequent transient effects produced by them. Could the Clergy be excited to take a deep interest in them, and accompany the Bishop in sufficient numbers to show the Laity that they consider them important, and to enable the Rector of the Parish visited, to have such additional services as the situation of his Parish might require, this evil might be remedied.

To provide against this, and to allow sufficient time for additional services, and for the Bishop to become more extensively acquainted with the Laity, the Committee would propose the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That it be not expected of the Bishop to visit each Parish every year; but that it be recommended to him, so to arrange his visitations as to allow more time to each Parish.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Clergy to attend the visitations of the Bishop, as far as their respective duties to their Parishes may allow.

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| WILLIAM COOPER MEAD, | <i>Chairman.</i>  |
| LEMUEL B. HULL,      |                   |
| S. B. PADDOCK,       |                   |
| SAMUEL M. EMERY,     |                   |
| FREDERICK HOLCOMB,   | <i>Committee.</i> |

On motion, the Report of the Committee on the Treasurer's Account was taken up, and again laid on the table.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be directed to repay to the Treasurer of the Soc. for the P. C. K., one hundred and fifteen dollars, out of any moneys in his hands, being the sum loaned by said Society to defray the expenses of the Convention.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Journal of the Convention be printed in the Chronicle of the Church.

Adjourned to Thursday morning, at 8 o'clock.



**CHURCH CHURCH, THURSDAY MORNING, 8 O'CLOCK.**

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The calling of the Roll was dispensed with. The minutes of the preceding day were read and accepted.

The Secretary of the Standing Committee presented the following abstract of the doings of that body, to be entered on the Journals of the Convention, according to the provisions of the 6th Canon.

*Abstract of the proceedings of the Standing Committee, from the Convention of 1837, to the Convention of 1838.*

The first meeting of the Standing Committee was held in New Haven, on the day of its election, June 14th, 1837; all the members, except Mr. Paddock, being present. The Rev. Dr. Croswell was chosen President, and the Rev. Dr. Jarvis, Secretary.

The second meeting was held at New Haven, June 15th, 1837; present, the Rev. Dr. Croswell, the Rev. Mr. Burgess, and the Secretary. Canonical Testimonials having been presented in favour of James D. Mead, M. D., he was accordingly recommended to the Bishop as a candidate for Holy Orders.

The third meeting was held at Bridgeport, on the 6th of July, 1837. Present, the Rev. Drs. Croswell and Jarvis, and the Rev. Mr. Hull.

Canonical Testimonials having been presented in favour of William Grant Hyer, Henry Fitch, David Ogden, and Solomon Gilbert Hitchcock, candidates for Orders in this Diocese, they were recommended to the Bishop for the Holy Order of Deacons.

The fourth meeting was held at Hartford, August 3d, 1837; all the members being present.

Canonical testimonials having been presented in favour of William G. French, George L. Foote, John Riggs, Jun., Abner Jackson, Ephraim L. Perkins, and Sheldon Davis, they were recommended to the Bishop as candidates for Holy Orders.

The fifth meeting was held at Wallingford, December 5th, 1837. Present, the Rev. Dr. Croswell and the Rev. Messrs. Hull and Burgess. The Secretary being unable to attend, the Rev. George Burgess was appointed Secretary *pro tempore*.

Canonical testimonials having been presented in favour of the Rev. Charles Cleaveland, and the Rev. Theodore W. Snow, Deacons, they were recommended to the Bishop for the Holy Order of Priests.

Canonical testimonials having been presented in favour of William F. Morgan, he was recommended to the Bishop as a candidate for Holy Orders.

The sixth and seventh meetings were held at Hartford, June 11th and 12th; all the members being present. The Rev. Alfred Lee, David Ogden, and Henry Fitch, Deacons, received testimonials for Priests' Orders.

Messrs. Alonzo B. Chapin, Henry Beers Sherman, and Zebadiah H. Mansfield, received testimonials for Deacons' Orders.

Messrs. Henry Townsend, with special dispensation as to academical learning, William Atwill, Daniel Shepherd, A. B., of Washington College, and Richard S. Adams, were duly recommended to the Bishop as candidates for Holy Orders.

Adjourned sine die.

**S. FARMAR JARVIS, Secretary.**

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Bishop and Standing Committee be requested to report to the next Convention, whether any, and what alterations, may be expedient in the arrangement of Cures.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the second Canon of this Diocese be amended as follows: by striking out the words "*fifty cents*," and substituting therefor, the words "*seventy-five cents*."

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Secretary, and the Rev. Messrs. Chapin and

*Beardsley*, be a Committee to superintend the printing of the Journal of this Convention.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to examine a series of books, prepared by the Rector of Trinity Church, New Haven, and such other books as they may deem expedient, for the use of Sunday Schools and Catechetical Classes, and to report on the same to the next Convention.

The *Bishop*, the Rev. Dr. *Jarvis*, the Rev. Dr. *Mead*, the Rev. Mr. *Burgess*, were accordingly appointed said Committee.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Bishop, with the assistance of the Secretary, be requested to prepare a correct list of the Clergy of this Diocese entitled to seats in Convention, and to present the same at the next Convention.

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, reported that they had examined the accounts and the accompanying vouchers, and found the same to be correct, which report was, on motion, accepted.

The following Canon was passed :

#### CANON.

It is declared to be the duty of every Clergyman having a seat in Convention, to attend every meeting thereof, or send a reasonable excuse for absence to the Bishop.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the vote of yesterday, in regard to the printing of the Journal in the "*Chronicle*," be so far rescinded as to leave it optional with the Editor.

On motion, *Resolved*, That this Convention view with sentiments of great satisfaction, the unusually full attendance of Lay Delegates at the present Convention.

The following resolution was submitted for the consideration of the Convention, which, on motion, was laid on the table, and ordered to be entered on the Journal, for final action at the next Convention :

*Resolved*, That the sixth article of the Constitution of the Connecticut Episcopal Academy, be amended, by striking out the words, "*shall be elected by the Board of Trustees, a majority of the Trustees for the time being concurring,*" and substituting, *shall be elected by the Convention of the Diocese.*

The Convention then united in singing the 102d hymn, when, after prayers by the Bishop, and receiving his benediction, the Convention adjourned sine die.

THOMAS C. BROWNELL, *President*.

ALLEN C. MORGAN, *Secretary*.

## APPENDIX, NO. I.

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### ABSTRACT OF THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

The Bishop reports, that he has visited nearly all the Parishes during the past year, and some of them twice; that the rite of confirmation has been administered to 546 persons; that eight persons have been admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons, and six to that of Priests; that five Churches have been consecrated, and two Clergymen instituted into their respective Parishes; that two of the Clergy have died during the past year; that six have been received by dimissory letters into the Diocese, and that dimissory letters have been granted to five; that three Clergymen have resigned their cures, and that three have been transferred to other stations; that there are twenty-five candidates for Holy Orders; and that the Parishes generally are in a prosperous condition.

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### PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

#### PARISH OF TRINITY CHURCH, INCLUDING TRINITY CHURCH AND ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL, NEW HAVEN.

REV. H. CROSWELL, D. D., RECTOR, REV. L. T. BENNETT, ASSISTANT MINISTER.

Families, (about) 650; baptisms—infants, 84; adults, 8, total, 92; confirmed, 71; communicants—added, by removals, 75, lost, by death, 9, present number, 700; marriages, 28; burials, 71; Sunday School—teachers, 59, scholars, 523; Bible class, 70; missionary and charitable contributions, \$968.11.

It will be perceived, from the foregoing returns, that the affairs of the Parish still continue in a prosperous condition. The number of baptisms indicate an increasing regard to an ordinance, which, we have reason to fear, has been too much neglected; and yet there is much room for improvement. With very few exceptions, the 71 persons confirmed since the last Convention, are now communicants, while the whole number has been somewhat increased by accessions from other Parishes, and from other denominations. Though we have stated the additional communicants at seventy-five, this may probably fall somewhat short of the actual number, as those who come to reside in the Parish from other places, are not always in the habit of reporting themselves. From the same cause, it is not practicable to return all the removals from the Parish, nor the whole number now remaining. It may be estimated at about 700, including visiting communicants and temporary residents. In the Sunday Schools there is a manifest improvement; and this may be ascribed chiefly to renewed exertions of the officers and teachers, and undoubtedly, in some measure, to an entire re-organization of the Schools, under a course of instruction provided in the "Young Churchman's Guide." The *third book* of this work consists of a series of questions for Bible and Liturgy Classes; and it has had a tendency to draw to the Schools several very interesting classes of young persons, many of whom are communicants, and who are thus qualifying themselves for Sunday School teachers. The plan of systematic charity, under the name of "offerings of the Church," has continued to answer the design for which it was adopted. The amount collected since the last Convention, is \$968.11.

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WATERBURY.

REV. J. L. CLARK, RECTOR.

Families, 143; baptisms—infants, 45, adults, 10; confirmed, 23; communicants—added, by removals, 7, anew, 34, lost, by death, 3, removals, 6, present number, 201; marriages, 8; burials, 16; Sunday School—teachers, 49, scholars, 196; missionary and charitable contributions, \$541, distributed as follows: to the General Missionary Society, \$481, to be equally divided between the two committee's; to the Christian Knowledge Society, \$80; to the Church Scholarship Society, \$136; for building a Church in New Britain, \$108; to the Treasurer of the General Theological Seminary, towards defraying the current expenses of that institution, \$20; from the children of the Sunday School, for the benefit of the Sunday School at New Albany, Indiana, \$16.

A regular weekly lecture has been held in the Church during the year, and occasional lectures in the extreme parts of the Parish.

With devout thankfulness to Almighty God, the Rector is enabled to report a decidedly increasing interest in the cause of vital religion among his people. Within a few months last past, it has been his privilege, in many instances, to perform that most delightful of all duties of a Christian minister, the conducting deeply convicted and earnestly inquiring minds to the cross of Christ.

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WALLINGFORD.

REV. L. D. HULL, RECTOR.

Families, 95; baptisms—infants, 5; communicants—added, by removals, 1, anew, 1, present number, 65; marriage, 1; burials, 10; Sunday School—teachers, 5, scholars, 35; Bible class, 10; missionary and charitable contributions, \$20, S. P. C. K. \$10.

This Parish has undergone no material change since last year. A disposition to neglect the ordinances of the Church still continues. This will be seen by a reference to the number of baptisms and new communicants, but I cannot but hope that apathy upon this point, as well as upon personal piety, will by the Divine Grace be removed. The temporal affairs of the Parish have suffered in some measure in consequence of the general depression of business. Several families have left the place, which reduces the number from last year. The congregation, on Sundays, has however increased—the average number has been considerably greater than the preceding year. There have been lectures, generally on Sunday afternoon or evening, in some part of the Parish, and frequently on other evenings of the week. These lectures have been well attended, and the result has been beneficial to the congregation.

## CHRIST'S CHURCH, GUILFORD.

REV. EDWARD J. DARKEN, RECTOR.

Families, 60; baptisms—infants, 6, adults, 1; confirmed, 3; communicants—added, anew, 1, lost, by death, 3, removals, 2, present number, 66; marriages, 2; burials, 4; missionary and charitable contributions, \$23.39.

The above is the report as handed to me by the Rev. L. H. Corson, late Rector of the Parish, who resigned the charge last Easter, to which I have to add as follows: marriages, 1; burials, 2; Sunday School—teachers, 12, scholars, 53; missionary and charitable contributions, \$5.25.

REV. L. H. CORSON.

The foregoing report embraces the time between the meeting of the Convention, in 1837, and the 5th Sunday in Lent of the present year, at which latter period my connection with the Parish of Guilford, as its Rector, ceased.

Since Easter, I have officiated one Sunday in St. Paul's Church, Windham, at which time I baptized an infant daughter of the Rev. Chas. I. Todd, the minister of that Parish, three Sundays in Trinity Church, Branford, and three Sundays in Zion's Church, North Branford.

### TRINITY CHURCH, BRANFORD.

Families, (about) 52; communicants, (about) 40. The exact number of families and communicants cannot be ascertained; *of families*, on account of the present general neglect in registering the names of persons attached to the congregation; and *of the communicants*, because "the love of many has waxed cold," and it is doubtful whether they commune anywhere. This Parish has a flourishing Sunday School, and is making laudable exertions to procure the entire services of a resident clergyman.

### ZION CHURCH, NORTH BRANFORD.

Families, 8; communicants, 9. This little flock has a house of worship, that has stood nearly twenty years in an unfinished state, during most of which time the sound of the Gospel has not been heard within its walls. Arrangements have recently been made for its completion. Were this united with some of the neighbouring Parishes, it would doubtless grow in numbers. The faith, and zeal, and simplicity of the little band that attends the services of the Church in this place, is worthy of all praise.

### ST. PETER'S CHURCH, CHESHIRE.

REV. E. E. BEARDSLEY, RECTOR.

Families, 55; baptisms—infants, 14; adults, 2; confirmed, 5; communicants—added, by removals, 2, anew, 14, lost, by death, 2, removals, 1, present number, 91; marriages, 4; burials, 6; Sunday School—teachers, 14, scholars, 50, Bible Class, 13; missionary and charitable contributions, \$40, \$11 of it to the Society for Promotion of Christian Knowledge.

With a sense of gratitude to God, the Rector of this Parish reports its prosperous condition. At no period since his connection with it, has the attendance upon the regular services of the Church been as large as at the present time; and during the past year several additions have been made to the communion, of a character calculated to produce a general and salutary influence upon both the religious and the irreligious. He hopes and prays that nothing will occur to prevent among the people of his charge the steady growth of piety; for he does not believe that a Parish can be regarded as in a truly prosperous condition, which only stands still; which lingers on the same ground, and exhibits no evidence of advancement in spiritual things.

The usual number of extra services has been held, and the series of lectures delivered during the season of Lent were well attended. The Sunday School has been re-organized, and a new and better interest seems to be manifested in its concerns on the part of both teachers and scholars.

### ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MERIDEN.

REV. JOHN MARSHALL GUION, RECTOR.

Families, 63; baptisms—infants, 17; communicants—added, 7, lost, by removals, 9, present number, 106; marriages, 1; burials, 2; Sunday School—teachers, 13, scholars, 68; missionary and charitable contributions—Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, \$7, Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, \$5, Sunday School, \$7.

Emigration has deprived this Parish of several families and communicants; among them some of its most worthy and useful members. Still it continues respectable for numbers, and, it is trusted, not without a corresponding measure of sincere and growing piety. The Ladies' Benevolent Society continues its labours of usefulness and mercy, and has recently appropriated \$175 towards the improvement of the Church edifice, which undertaking, for a long time indispensable to the external prosperity of the Parish, steps are now in pro-

gress to accomplish. The Rector has occupied his time with the ordinary routine of clerical duties, with the addition of extra service at special seasons. His attention has been more particularly directed to the young of the congregation, as the future hope, and, indeed, the only stable element of the Christian's hope. The lamentable neglect of early religious instruction, as well as of the Saviour's precept, in his own appointed ordinance, to suffer little children to come unto him, has been to the Rector a subject of deep regret, as periling the spiritual welfare of the individuals concerned, and also threatening the Church's future prosperity. The efforts to obviate the evil have thus far been crowned with success. The presentation of twelve little children for baptism, on Whitsunday, eleven of them by two widowed mothers, the first fruits of these efforts, is among the gratifying indications; but in this matter, through the word spoken, the Lord hath opened the hearts of his servants to the truth, and with other encouragements manifested the increasing influence of more correct and Christian views than have heretofore prevailed.

### CHRIST CHURCH, BETHANY.

REV. J. H. ROUSE, RECTOR.

Families, 100; baptisms—infants, 6, adults, 2; confirmed, 8; communicants—added, by removals, 4, anew, 8, lost, by death, 1, present number, 110; marriages, 11; burials, 7; Sunday School—teachers, 10, scholars, 60; Bible Class, 14; missionary and charitable contributions, \$50, including the avails of the Ladies' Sewing Society.

So far as the condition of this Parish is concerned, externally, it may be truly said to be prosperous. But, alas! the Rector is under the painful necessity of adding, at the same time, the humiliating confession, that its spiritual advancement is at present indeed far below what he could most ardently desire. Few have been heard, of late, "inquiring the way to Zion, with their faces thitherward;"—very few newly enlisted friends of the Redeemer "come to her solemn feasts." Brethren, pray for us!

### GRACE CHURCH, HAMDEN.

REV. HENRY FITCH, RECTOR.

Families, 60; baptisms—infants, 4; confirmed, 4; communicants—added, by removals, 4, anew, 7, lost, by death, 3, removals, 5, present number, 54; marriages, 1; burials, 8; Sunday School—teachers, 8, scholars, 45; missionary and charitable contributions, \$9.17.

My duties in this Parish were commenced on the 16th of July, 1837, since which time the congregation has gradually increased, and its present condition and prospects are encouraging.

### CHRIST CHURCH, EAST HAVEN.

REV. EDWARD J. IVES, RECTOR.

Families, 35; baptisms—infants, 5; communicants—added, anew, 11, present number, 35; marriages, 1; burials, 3; Sunday School—teachers, 4, scholars, 35; missionary and charitable contributions—for "the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge," \$3.50.

With regard to Christ Church, East Haven, no serious changes have taken place, but what will ultimately conduce to our prosperity. Unity and love generally prevail among us.

My weekly lectures have been, through the blessing of God, productive of much good, as appears in the additional number of new communicants; and the unusual degree of attention paid to the subject of religion, for many past months, has not yet ceased. More, I humbly pray, will earnestly and anxiously seek for the "one thing needful." The ladies and gentlemen of the society deserve great credit for improving the outward appearance of the Church.

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, NORTH GUILFORD.

REV. D. BALDWIN, RECTOR.

Families, 34; baptisms—infants, 6; confirmed, 5; communicants—added, by removals, 2, anew, 2, lost, by death, 4, present number, 38; burials, 8; Sunday School—teachers, 5, scholars, 20; missionary and charitable contributions, \$4.74.

Since the last Convention I have officiated in this Church every other Sunday, on several other occasions, and administered the Lord's Supper six times.

From the last Convention to Easter, 1838, I officiated every other Sunday in Trinity Church, Branford, and administered the Lord's Supper five times. Baptisms—infants, 2; confirmed, 5; burials, 4; marriages, 3.

## UNION CHURCH, HUMPHREYSVILLE.

REV. JOHN D. SMITH, RECTOR.

Families, 112; baptisms—adults, 1, infants, 28; communicants—added, 10, died or removed, 5, present number, 73; confirmed, 2; marriages, 7; burials, 13; Sunday School—teachers, 10, scholars, 60; contribution to the S. P. C. K., \$5.

The condition of this Parish is much the same as last reported. Although it has felt, during the past year, the pecuniary embarrassments common to our whole country, yet its zeal and unanimity in sustaining the worship of the Church, are still conspicuous.

## ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, NAUGATUCK.

REV. OLIVER HOPSON, RECTOR.

Families, 76; baptisms—infants, 14, adults, 4; confirmed, 10; communicants—added, by removals, 1, anew, 13, lost, by removals, 3, present number, 61; marriages, 2; burials, 6; Sunday School—teachers, 20, scholars, 100; missionary and charitable contributions—Christian Knowledge Society, \$5.10, Church in New Britain, \$20, other objects, \$21.03.

There are taken in this Parish, the present year, 25 copies of the Childrens' Magazine, 8 copies of the S. S. Visitor, and 17 copies of the Chronicle of the Church.

This Parish, in its external condition, may be said to be prosperous. It is steadily increasing in strength and numbers. It has a flourishing Sunday School. Entire harmony prevails among its members. An increased attention is paid to all the stated services of the Church; and some commendable interest is manifested in her various benevolent operations.

With respect to the *spiritual* character of the Parish, it would not become the Minister to speak with equal confidence. Yet, if he is at times called to mourn over instances of religious apathy and spiritual declension, he is, at others, encouraged with the belief that there are many who are taking a deeper interest in the advancement of religious truth, and who are themselves, as "they grow in age, growing also in grace."

## — CHURCH, MIDDLEBURY.

REV. OLIVER HOPSON, RECTOR.

Families, 22; baptisms—infants, 3; communicants—added, anew, 1, lost, by removals, 2, present number, 26; marriages, 2; burials, 1; Sunday School—teachers, 7, scholars, 21; missionary and charitable contributions—Christian Knowledge Society, \$5, other objects, \$2.95.

This small Parish has long laboured under many difficulties and discouragements, yet the faith and the patience which it has manifested under tribulation, and its zeal and steadfastness in holding fast the faith once delivered to the saints, are deemed worthy of high commendation. The services of the Church

are performed on each Lord's day, by pious laymen, in the absence of the minister. The plan of monthly missionary contributions has been adopted, and is in successful operation.

#### ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, MILFORD.

REV. SIRVILIUS STOCKING, RECTOR.

Families, 49; baptisms, 1; communicants, 55, removals, 3; marriages, 1; Sunday School small, but flourishing.

It must be understood, that this report refers only to the time between November last and the present date. The situation of this Parish is rather interesting. As the society is small, and the supporters of the Church few, and having done beyond their ability for a few years past in supporting services, they now not only need continued assistance from the Christian Knowledge Society, but the prayers and sympathies of the Church in general.

#### ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, WEST HAVEN.

REV. SIRVILIUS STOCKING, RECTOR.

Families, 31; communicants, 37; Sunday School, small; contributions, \$3.15. The people under my pastoral charge, in this Parish, as far as I am acquainted, seem to be piously and devoutly attached to the Church, and are sedulously labouring to improve their conditions.

#### ST. JAMES' CHURCH, WESTVILLE, AND ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, WEST HAVEN.

REV. S. JEWETT, MINISTER.

Buried, at Westville, 1 adult; baptized—infants, 1. Until this Church is finished, the communicants of this Parish will continue to receive the Holy Sacrament at Trinity Church, New Haven. Since my last report, seven have been confirmed. I continue, as heretofore, to divide my labours equally between this Parish and that of West Haven.

Burials, at West Haven, 1 infant and 1 adult; confirmed, 4; communicants, between 20 and 30.

Since Easter, the Rev. Mr. Stocking has held the Rectorship of this Church, at which he officiates one third of the time. For further information, I refer to his report.

Owing to the peculiar state of the times, it has been thought advisable to suspend the labour on St. James' Church for a short time; but I am happy in being able to say, that matters are now in a train that warrant a recommencement of the work, and it is intended the edifice shall be finished and ready for consecration before Christmas.

The prospects in both these Parishes are highly flattering, *if we can obtain the usual aid from the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge*. But, without this aid, they must ultimately get discouraged and fail. My services, on Sundays, are rendered gratuitously and cheerfully. This is all I can do for them. But we have had abundant examples in proof of the fact, that no Parish can do more than to barely exist with Sunday services only. A grant of one hundred dollars each is all they expect or ask; and I do most earnestly implore the persons who have the disposal of our missionary contributions to extend their aid to these two Parishes, than which there is not, I am persuaded, in the whole Diocese, two more deserving of their fostering care.

REV. A. C. MORGAN.

My clerical services have been confined to the occasional assistance of my brethren within this vicinity. My time is occupied exclusively with the academy which the Convention entrusted to my care. This, I am happy to say, has been prosperous during the last year, embracing a number of students preparing ultimately for the Christian ministry. On Sundays, a Bible class.



## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, WOLCOTT. .

REV. P. G. CLARK.

Families, 43; communicants, 46; baptisms—infants, 5; burials, 2. The Sunday School has been small for the last year, but I think it might have been much larger, could an acceptable superintendent have been obtained.

My services ceased with this Parish at Easter; since that time, they have formed a union with the Parish in Bristol, which has enabled me to dissolve my connexion with it, as I have been desirous to do, with the Bishop's consent, so soon as suitable arrangements could be made.

## CHRIST CHURCH, HARTFORD.

\* REV. GEORGE BURGESS, RECTOR.

Families, 251; baptisms—infants, 29, adults, 23; communicants—added, 73, died, 3, removed, 31, present number, 336; marriages, 13; burials, 15; confirmed, 74; Sunday School—teachers, 34, scholars 212; missionary and charitable contributions for objects without the Parish, \$1209.

The number of communicants will be materially increased in the course of the present summer, a confirmation having been holden since the last communion.

This Parish is increasing, united, and prosperous. The Rector would be wanting to his highest duty and happiness, if he did not gratefully acknowledge, at this time, the rich spiritual blessings which his congregation have been permitted to witness and enjoy, during the past Conventional year.

## ST. MARK'S PARISH, NEW BRITAIN.

Families, 15; communicants, 12; baptisms—children, 11, adults, 3, total, 14; burials, 3; marriage, 1; confirmations, 8.

## ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, GLASTENBURY.

SAMUEL TAYLOR, EBENEZER HALE, WARDENS.

A new Church has been completed in this Parish, 62 feet in length and 42 in width. It is built of brick, with a stone basement, and has been filled with an attentive congregation of worshipers, on every occasion of public worship on which it has been opened. Number of families connected with the parish, is 82; communicants, 70.

## TRINITY CHURCH, FAIRFIELD.

REV. N. E. CORNWALL, RECTOR.

Families, 84; baptisms—infants, 19; confirmed 4; communicants—added, by removals, 2, anew, 8, lost, by death, 1, removals, 5, present number, 117; marriages, 4; burials, 16, including 5 from families not belonging to the Parish; Sunday School—teachers, 10, scholars, 60; missionary and charitable contributions, \$63.69, including the collection for three quarters, and appropriated as follows: to Board of Missions, \$22.08; Christian Knowledge Society, \$14.07; Church Scholarship Society, \$9.25; General Theological Seminary, \$12.88; Protestant Episcopal Tract Society, \$1; and the Sunday School of the Parish, \$4.41.

During the past year the exercises of the Bible class were suspended, familiar Bible lectures being substituted, which, it is believed, were not without some good effect. The Rector is encouraged to hope that the ministrations of the gospel are producing some good fruits among the people of his charge.

## PARISH OF ST. JAMES, INCLUDING ST. JAMES' CHURCH AND ST. THOMAS' CHAPEL.

REV. D. H. SHORT, RECTOR.

Families, 74; baptisms—infants, 7, adults, 8; confirmed, 19; communicants

—added, by removals and anew, 26, lost, by death, 1, removals, 9, present number, 70; marriages, 4; burials, 8; Sunday School—teachers, 21, scholars, 60.

No Parish in our Diocese, it is thought, has suffered in its temporal prosperity, more severely from the interruption of our country's mercantile prosperity, than this. In consequence of the decline of business, the Parish is unable to support a minister for more than one half of the time, during the present year. This half is divided alternately between the Church and Chapel. According to the present arrangement, the stated time for preaching at either place is only once in four Sundays. Under such circumstances, the congregation cannot be expected to increase in numbers or in strength. Already does our Sunday School feel the ill effects of the great vacancy between the stated services. But relying upon the goodness and faithfulness of Almighty God to fulfill his promises, we trust the Church, the branch of his own planting, shall yet stand, shall yet flourish, and meet with triumphant success. And while we lament the depressed state of the Church in its temporal condition, and its humiliation, in the sight of its neighbouring denominations, we have just occasion for devout thankfulness to the Great Head of the Church, for the increase of its apparent spiritual prosperity. In no year have the additions to the communion been so numerous as during the past, and never has the number of communicants been so large, as at present. These additions have been gradual. In a certain sense it may be said, "the Lord added to his Church daily, such as we trust will be saved." At every administration of the communion before the last, except one, (that of Christmas, occurring on a week day,) has there been enrolled the name of one or more new communicants; and even at the last, communion there was expected the addition of one, had not circumstances interfered to hinder attendance upon Church. May the Lord continue the increase of the true spiritual prosperity of his Church in this place, and in his own good time, bestow upon it that temporal prosperity which its members feel to desire.

#### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, BRIDGEPORT.

REV. GURDON SALTONSTALL COIT, RECTOR.

Families, 270; baptisms—infants, 32, adults, 4; confirmed, 20; communicants, 240, added, by removals, 10, anew, 6, lost, by death, 5, removals, 3; marriages, 16; burials, 21; Sunday School—teachers, 21, scholars, 150; Bible class, 24; missionary and charitable contributions, \$245.84.

#### ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, NORWALK.

REV. WM. COOPER MEAD, RECTOR.

Baptisms—infants, 24, adults, 2; communicants—added, by removals, 8, lost, by death, 5, present number, 125; marriages, 5; burials, 27; Sunday School—teachers, 24, scholars, 140; missionary, and charitable contributions, \$250.

Among the number of the deceased communicants, the Rector has to include the name of the venerable Hezekiah Jarvis, youngest brother of the second Bishop of this Diocese. By the death of Mr. Jarvis, an exemplary Christian and devoted Churchman, has been removed from the Church militant to the Church triumphant. After a life spent in serving his God and doing good in his generation, this father in the Church, firm in the faith of the gospel, and with perfect resignation to the divine will, slept in Jesus, at the advanced age of 92 years, 72 of which he had been a worthy and consistent communicant of the Church of Christ.

The temporal interests of the Parish have flourished during the past year; and the Rector is encouraged by the belief, that if the spiritual improvement of its members has not, apparently, corresponded therewith, it has been such as to cheer him in his work, and to stimulate him to greater exertions.

It is confidently expected that the Parish will, in a very short time, enlarge

or rebuild their Church, which is now far from sufficient to accommodate all who desire to unite in our services.

The required collection has been made for the Christian Knowledge Society, and amounted to \$35. Extra services have been held during Lent, and at other times in various parts of the Parish. About 60 volumes have been added to the Sunday School library.

Several candidates are preparing for confirmation, which it is expected will be administered in the autumn.

### TRINITY CHURCH, NEWTOWN.

REV. B. C. STRATTON, RECTOR.

Families, 190; communicants—added, 6, died, 3, present number, 177; baptisms—adults, 1, infants, 16, total, 17; marriages, 13; confirmed, 7; burials—adults, 12, children, 5; Bible classes, 4, number of scholars, 194; Sunday School—teachers, 31, scholars, 186; scholars in branch school at Flatswamp, 27; whole number, 212. Volumes in the Sunday School library, 533; volumes in the adult library, 225; copies of the Childrens' Magazine, taken in the congregation, 43; copies of the Spirit of Missions, 12; other Church papers, 38; missionary and charitable contributions, \$107.25.

The Rector has pleasure in reporting that the general state of the congregation is flourishing. He constantly preaches to large congregations, who manifest great attention to the word, and increasing seriousness. Some cases of deep and hopeful piety have occurred during the past year. The Bible classes, four in number, were well attended during the last winter and spring; and have, evidently, been productive of good. The Sunday School also is prosperous, as the scholars have not only access to a large and excellent library, but most of their teachers have been specially prepared for their work, by the exercises of the Bible classes. We have from 120 to 150 readers of the adult library. It has been so ordered in the providence of God, that the other denominations in Newtown have been left without settled ministers, which has devolved on the Rector of the Episcopal Church, the whole burden of sustaining public services. In consequence of which, he has found it necessary greatly to multiply the number of public appointments. A portion of which have been extended to the congregation of St. James', Zoar, who have expressed their determination to unite again with the Parish of Trinity Church, as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made. If the resources of the Parish would justify the increased expense, there is abundant employment for two clergymen, and in that case, the Church could occupy the whole ground in Newtown.

### ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, RIDGEFIELD.

REV. ELI WHEELER, RECTOR.

The present Rector took charge of this Parish on the first of August last, since which he reports, baptisms, 1 adult, 5 infants; marriages, 2; funerals, 12; communicants—died or removed from the Parish, 7, added, 9, present number, 108; families, as near as ascertained, 65; confirmed, 8; monthly offerings, \$22.28; Sunday School—superintendents, 1 male, 1 female, 2; teachers, male, 8, female, 7, 15; scholars, male, 35, female, 29, 64.

I am happy to state that the congregation of St. Stephen's are punctual in their attendance on public worship, and that the Parish is in a sound, united, and healthy state. It also gives me pleasure to add, that the present flourishing condition of the Parish is owing, under the blessing of God, principally to the labours of my two immediate predecessors, the Rev. Messrs. Todd and Clarke.

### CHRIST CHURCH, STRATFORD.

REV. GEORGE C. SHEPHARD, RECTOR.

Families, 131; baptisms—infants, 2; confirmed, 7; communicants, 134—

added, by removals, 6, anew, 2, lost, by death, 3, removals, 2; marriages, 5; burials, 8; Sunday School—teachers, 12, scholars, 63; missionary and charitable contributions—Sunday School, \$19.41; Bible Society, \$30; Education for ministry, \$95; Tract Society, \$32.50; Missions, \$224.58; total, \$401.41.

The Church has been open for divine service, usually three times each Lord's day. On every Wednesday evening, a lecture in the academy; and we have a monthly missionary meeting held in the same place. The Parish appears generally prosperous; the people attentive to the means of grace, and willing to aid the missionary and other kindred causes.

#### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, STAMFORD.

REV. AMBROSE S. TODD, RECTOR.

Families, 80; baptisms—infants, 13, adults, 4; confirmed, 7; communicants—added, anew, 7, lost, by death, 2, removals, 3, present number, 128; marriages, 8; burials, 8; Sunday School—teachers, 9, scholars, 30; missionary and charitable contributions, \$20.35.

Other distributions have been made for charities connected with the Church and Parish; and the Rector is enabled to report this Parish as in a flourishing state. There is evidently a growing attention to the subject of religion, and the attendance and the demand for pews yesterday, was greater than can be supplied. It is believed that the Parish, from these circumstances, will soon become aroused to the necessity of erecting a new and larger Church.

#### CHRIST CHURCH, WESTPORT.

REV. EDWARD INGERSOLL, RECTOR.

Families, 57; baptisms—adult, 1, infants, 18; communicants—added, 8, present number, 52; confirmed, 10; marriages, 5; burials, 12; Sunday School—teachers, 18, scholars, 60.

The temporal condition of this Parish is truly prosperous. As to its spiritual state, the Rector is pained to observe a lamentable inattention to the subject of vital religion. May the good and gracious Lord have mercy upon us, and pour down upon us the abundant influences of his Holy Spirit.

#### CHRIST CHURCH, READING, AND ——— CHURCH, WESTON.

REV. EDWARD J. DARKEN, LATE RECTOR.

Families, 52; baptisms—infants, 8, adults, 2; confirmed, 2; communicants—added, anew, 7, lost, by death, 3, removals, 3, present number, 32; marriages, 2; burials, 7. At Weston, families, 27; baptisms—infants, 1; communicants—added, anew, 3, lost, by death, 1; burials, 2.

Through Providence, several of the most able supporters of the Church in this place, (viz. Reading,) have been removed. The Parish, however, is still striving with a laudable degree of zeal to support its services. For several of the past months, much interest appears to have been felt on the subject of religion, and although comparatively few have been led openly to profess Christ, the writer cannot but indulge the hope that he has not run in vain, neither laboured in vain. The Parish, since Easter, has been without the services of a clergyman.

#### CHRIST CHURCH, TRUMBULL.

REV. D. G. TOMLINSON, RECTOR.

Families, 80; baptisms—infants, 9; communicants—added, 1, died or removed, 6, present number, 75; marriages, 6; burials, 7; Sunday School—teachers, 10, scholars, 58; Bible class, 26; missionary and charitable contributions, \$43.64.

The Rector has not that peculiar satisfaction which every minister of Christ knows how to appreciate, of being able to say there is evidence among his people of decided, increased attention to the subject of personal religion, and hence, that the spiritual condition of the Parish is in a delightful state of improvement. Though denied this gratification, it has been his endeavour to preach with some degree of faithfulness, the gospel of Jesus, and to encourage his people to accept of the gospel terms of salvation without delay. Our Sunday School is in a pleasingly prosperous condition.

#### CHRIST CHURCH, GREENWICH.

REV. JOSEPH H. NICHOLS, RECTOR.

Families, 47; communicants, 28—added, 2, from other Churches; 5, lost, by death, 1; marriage, 1; funerals, 6—2 of these were of persons in the adjoining parish of Stamford; Sunday School—children, 40, teachers, 7; contributions for Domestic and Foreign Missions, \$10.27; for Christian Knowledge Society, \$9.

Although the Church in this place has much to contend against, it may be justly said of it, that it more than maintains its ground. As other denominations have almost entire possession of the field around us, and as the annual accession to the whole population of the town is small, we do not expect to be built up at once. Grateful to God for his former blessings on our humble Zion, we cheerfully wait his own good time for a larger increase in numbers, and a richer growth in grace.

#### ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MONROE.

REV. RODNEY ROSSITER, RECTOR.

Families, 50; baptisms—infants, 8, adults, 2; communicants—added, 1, removed, 3, present number, 61; confirmed, 8; marriages, 6; burials, 1; Sunday School—teachers, 9, scholars, 54; missionary and charitable contributions—Foreign Missions, \$18.58; Domestic Missions, \$18.53; Christian Knowledge Society, \$4; total, \$41.11.

In this Parish there has been no very essential alteration since last year. Some improvement has been made in the interior of the Church, which renders the seats more convenient. The Sunday School numbers a few more scholars, and appears to be prosperous. General harmony continues.

#### ST. JAMES', NEWTOWN.

St. James' Parish, Newtown, being destitute of a Rector, I have given a few lectures there, and attended two marriages and two funerals.

#### ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, HUNTINGTON.

REV. THOMAS CLARK, RECTOR.

Families, 50; baptisms—infants, 3; communicants—died or removed, 2, present number, 48; confirmed, 3; marriage, 1; burials, 4; Sunday School—teachers, 8, scholars, 40; missionary and charitable contributions—to Society Promotion Christian Knowledge, \$14, for library books, \$4, monthly offerings, \$35, of which \$29.50 have been remitted to the Domestic Missionary Society—total \$53.

It will be seen, by the preceding statistics, that we cannot speak of much apparent prosperity. Past difficulties, together with deaths and removals, have had an unfavourable effect.

Besides the regular services on Sundays, I have frequently had an expository lecture, as a third service, which I have substituted in the place of the Bible class. During a considerable part of the year, I have delivered a weekly lecture at different districts of the township. As a people we are not so much interested in spiritual things as we ought to be, both for the honour of religion, and the safety and happiness of our own souls. But I endeavour, by a diligent

use of the means, in dependence on the divine aid, and by visiting, to excite an awakened Christian zeal and earnestness.

Christian harmony appears to prevail among us. I feel it is necessary for us to pray more ardently for those refreshing influences of the Holy Spirit, which are so much needed for the prosperity of a church.

#### ST. PETER'S CHURCH, PLYMOUTH.

REV. WILLIAM WATSON, RECTOR.

Families, 100; baptisms—infants, 23, adults, 9; confirmed, 26; communicants—added, by removals, 4, anew, 49; lost, by death, 7, removals, 8, present number, 150; marriages, 3; burials, 14; Sunday School—teachers, 26, scholars, 125; missionary and charitable contributions—Dom. and Foreign Mission, \$65, S. P. C. K. \$22.50, Church Scholarship Society, 46, for Church at New Briton, \$45,—total, \$178.50.

And when, in addition to the above, to speak of what has been done for the promotion of religion among ourselves, it is stated, that within the past year a Parish Library has been commenced, at a cost of about \$100,—40, or more, copies of "*the Chronicle*," and 20 of "*the Spirit of Missions*," subscribed for, and the Sunday School well provided with books, and "*the Childrens' Magazine*,"—it is only necessary to point to these statistics to show, that so far as an increase in numbers, and a spirit of benevolence, are concerned, we have no cause of dissatisfaction with our present condition.

As a professing Church, there are some indications that we are growing in grace, and making some advancement in holiness. Not only are the public services and ordinances of God's house well attended; but we have more *family Prayer*, an increasing sense of *personal responsibility*, in regard to the up-building of Christ's kingdom, and more of that godly walk and conversation in the daily concerns of life, which is found only where the life of God in the soul is active and vigorous.

A weekly lecture throughout the season of Lent, and a daily service in Passion week, with a due observance of other special seasons, for which provision has been made by the Church, has been, it is thought, specially blessed to us, and has contributed, not a little, we trust, to awaken us to righteousness, as a people.

Still, among that portion of us who name ourselves of Christ, there is yet much room for improvement—deficiencies and inconsistencies may now be seen in but too many of our number.

I cannot close this report without adding, that it is to be regarded—by ourselves, at least—as a matter of devout joy and gratitude to God, that, while from peculiar circumstances as a community, diverse interests exist, which exert an influence that might have proved injurious to us as a Church, and which have in fact riven asunder a neighbouring one of a different denomination, we yet remain perfectly united, with our counsels characterized by unanimity, and our people, as a body, standing fast in one spirit, "with one mind striving together for the faith," and the advancement "of the Gospel."

#### CHRIST CHURCH, WATERTOWN.

REV. F. HOLCOMBE, RECTOR.

Families, 102; baptisms—infants, 14, adults, 8; confirmed, 5; communicants, 100, added, by removals, 2, anew, 20; lost, by death, 6, removals, 3; marriages, 8; burials, 9; Sunday School—teachers, 20, scholars, 144; Bible class, 35; missionary and charitable contributions, \$100.

It is now twenty-four years that I have had the pastoral charge of my present Parish. During that period, it is almost unnecessary to state, that great changes have taken place, many of all ages have gone to their rest, particularly those who, at the period of my settlement with them, were in middle age, or past. The course of worldly business has taken many from us who are now helping to build up and support the Church in other places. Our Parish, how-

ever, has been constantly, though gradually, increasing, and it is now with great pleasure I am able to state, that no part of my protracted ministry has been any more signally blest than the labours of the last year. God be thanked for what he has done among us. It has pleased him, in his goodness and mercy, to smile graciously upon this people, not only by reviving the religious sensibilities of such as had grown careless in their Christian profession, but by bringing his grace near to others who were afar off. Some twenty or thirty persons, of different ages, though principally young, have recently become deeply interested in the subject of religion, and now find a joy and peace in believing, to which they were before strangers.

The people who compose my charge, are blest with the means, and, what is far better, the disposition, to support the Gospel. It is now going on seven years only, that my labours have been confined to this Parish, and the apparent effect of an increase of services during that time, is good, as a proportionable increase in numerical strength, and of pious devotion to the cause of religion, are now ready to attest.

May God bless his Church, and continue to answer the prayers of his people, by ordering all things for its increase and prosperity.

#### ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WOODBURY.

REV. SOLOMON G. HITCHCOCK, OFFICIATING MINISTER.

Families, 54, added, 2, lost, by removal, 1. The Report of clerical services will be dated from the 23d of July last; since then the number of infants baptized, 15, adults, 8; confirmed, 8; marriages, 3; funerals, 3; communicants, 39, added, 5, lost, by removal, 1, by death, 1.

The number of children in the Parish, of a suitable age to attend the Sunday School, is about 70. They are arranged into classes according to their respective age and progress, and their recitations are heard by the teachers at the opening of the school; after this a general exercise is introduced, consisting of some portion of the Church Catechism, recited by the whole school, and then explained in a familiar manner by the minister of the Parish.

A Bible and Liturgy class has been organized, which holds its meetings in the church on Sunday evenings. The exercises of this class are conducted principally upon the plan of the Rev. Dr. Croswell, as published weekly in the Chronicle of the Church. Twenty-four numbers of this paper have been taken by individuals in the Parish.

The stated ministerial services performed during the past year, have been to preach twice on Sunday, superintend the Sunday School during the intermission, and the Bible class in the evening. A Wednesday evening lecture was also commenced about the 1st of January, and continued until about Easter. In addition to which the regular services of the Church have been celebrated on most of the holy days and other special occasions. A portion of Scripture has also been explained, in connection with the meetings of the Ladies' Sewing Society, an association which was formed for benevolent purposes, and which has tended, in various ways, to exert a beneficial influence.

The Parish having suffered much, in former years, from the frequent removals of their clergymen, and being anxious to afford every convenience for a permanent residence among them, have exerted themselves during the past year, in the erection of a parsonage. Some delay has occurred in the execution of this project, owing to the extreme pressure of business affairs, and the exhaustion of the original subscriptions; but the building is now rapidly progressing, and will undoubtedly be completed before the expiration of the present summer.

In connection with this may be added a few words with reference to the Parish of

#### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WASHINGTON.

This Parish has been united with Woodbury during the past year, and has shared the *one fourth* part of its clerical services.

The number of families connected with it, is 21; children baptized, 1; persons confirmed, 4; marriage, 1; subscribers to the Chronicle of the Church, 6.

The ministerial labours performed in this Parish, though unfrequent and small in amount, have been far more successful than was anticipated. Still it is impossible to produce any extensive or permanent results, so long as the Church has so little opportunity for making itself known.

It is gratifying to perceive that the desire for a greater proportion of clerical services is manifestly increasing, and it is to be hoped that some arrangement may be made, which will enable the Parish to obtain it. The services of the Church are always well attended, and are listened to with a degree of interest and seriousness which presents a favourable indication of the state of religion, and an encouraging prospect of success.

### ST. MARK'S CHURCH, NEW CANAAN.

REV. D. OGDEN, RECTOR.

Families, 53; baptisms—infants, 8, adults, 1; confirmed, 2; communicants, 65, added, by removals, 1, anew, 2; burials, 8; Sunday School—teachers, 9, scholars, 50; missionary and charitable contributions, \$17.50.

During my connection with this Parish, which is nearly a year, its members have manifested much zeal and liberality. Though few in numbers, and limited as to means, they have done much towards supplying the necessary wants of the Church. Through the active and energetic exertions of the Ladies' Society, the proceeds of whose labours go to the support of the minister, the Parish has been enabled, by the little assistance it has received from the Christian Knowledge Society, for the first time during the past year, to have the services of a clergyman entire. And the good results are apparent in the steady increase of attendants upon the Lord's day.

### ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BROOKFIELD.

REV. D. H. SHORT, MINISTER.

Families, 79; confirmed, 2; communicants—added, by removals, 3; lost, by death, 1, present number, 77; marriage, 1; burials, 1; Sunday School—teachers, 12, scholars, 50.

The number of families connected with this Parish is large, for a country town, and the attendance upon the services of the Church, highly encouraging; but from the shortness of time which I have officiated among them, I am unable to form any accurate judgment of the state of religious feeling. The new church is nearly completed, and is expected to be ready for consecration in a very few weeks.

### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, NEW MILFORD.

REV. E. HUNTINGTON, RECTOR.

During the past year, several interesting events have occurred in this Parish. One of these is the completion of a new Church, which was consecrated by the Bishop on the 11th of May. It is now well filled with worshipers on the Lord's day. Another is the occurrence, during the past winter, of a season of great interest in religious things. Twenty-three adults have been baptized recently, in the Church. Forty-one were confirmed by the Bishop, during his last visitation of the Parish. Twenty-four have been added to the number of communicants. Twelve have been united in holy matrimony. Fifteen have been attended to the grave, with the last offices of religion. Twenty-five dollars were contributed a short time since, to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church. Most of the usual contributions have been omitted in consequence of efforts necessary to be made for the completion of the payment for the Church, which has been recently effected. The plan of weekly offerings is now in successful operation in the Parish. The Sunday School comprises about 100 scholars. On the whole, the prospects of the Parish are



encouraging; and we trust the future will show a still improved state of things among us.

### ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PRESTON.

REV. E. HUNTINGTON, RECTOR.

During the past year I have had the pastoral charge of this Parish. Communicants—added, 2; marriages, 8; baptisms—infants, 3.

### ST. MARK'S CHURCH, BRIDGEWATER.

REV. E. HUNTINGTON, RECTOR.

The prospects of this Parish are at present quite encouraging. On every occasion on the Lord's day, when the Church is open, it is filled with attentive worshippers. The Sunday School comprises about 50 scholars. For the present year, I officiate in this Church one third of the time.

### CHRIST CHURCH, BETHLEM.

REV. T. W. SNOW, RECTOR.

Families, 34; baptisms—infants, 3, adults, 1; confirmed, 3; communicants—added, by removals, 4, anew, 5; lost, by removal, 1; Sunday School—teachers, 8, scholars, 35; missionary and charitable contributions—Foreign Missions, \$20; other objects, \$6.

During the present winter there has been a more than usual degree of religious sensibility in the Parish of Bethlem, especially among the young. A confirmation will be held at the approaching visitation of the Bishop, after which it is expected that several others will unite themselves to the communion, in addition to those reported above as already added. The state of this Parish, I may safely say, is, in almost every respect, very much improved since the last account from it.

### TRINITY CHURCH, NORTHFIELD.

REV. T. W. SNOW, RECTOR.

Families, 29, added, 3; baptisms—infants, 2, adults, 2; communicants—added, by removals, 2, anew, 2; marriage, 1; burials, 5; Sunday School—teachers, 14, scholars, 55; missionary and charitable contributions—Foreign Missions, \$74, charitable and other objects, \$65.

As to the Parish of Northfield, although the additions to the communion are fewer than in Bethlem, and though I expect but a small number at the coming confirmation, I have reason to believe that my ministry has not been altogether unblest there by the Spirit of God.

### UNION CHURCH, HITCHCOCKSVILLE.

REV. J. JONES, OFFICIATING MINISTER.

Families, about 46; communicants—added, 2, died, 1, removed, 1, present number, 18; marriages, 7; burials, 7; Sunday School—teachers, 5, scholars, 26; contributions to the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, \$5.19.

Since my connection with this Parish as Rector commenced, there has been no material change to its disadvantage. I have regularly officiated in it to the present time. Besides the services of the Lord's day, there has been an evening lecture held the same day, with but few omissions, and well attended. A Sunday School was instituted the past year, consisting of 18 scholars and 4 teachers, and did well for the time being, till the fall; it was then discontinued.

Nothing has occurred to lessen the number of the parishioners, but in the event of death or removal.

This infant Church, like every other of our communion and establishment, has had the prejudices and dislike of those who are unacquainted with the evangelical truths which she inculcates, and the apostolic order which she maintains, to encounter and disannul. Several who are subscribers of different denominations, have contributed to the maintenance of the sacred ministry, and are regular attendants. The congregation is gradually increasing, and respectable; and there appears to be no insuperable obstacles in the way, (provided this Church receives a more extended donation from the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, than it has hitherto,) of building up a substantial and efficient Parish. A constant ministration cannot be sustained in this place, without an enlarged donation. The salary of the Rector, as a remuneration for his services, is small; and every effort is made, and is still making, to increase it the present year; expecting, with what can be procured here, and from the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, that this Parish may be built up, and flourish. Insulated as it is, it does, perhaps, more than any other Church in this Diocese, call for this special countenance and aid. And it is to be hoped that this call may not be in vain. This Parish and its vicinity is, in all respects, missionary ground.

May the holy and compassionate Head of the Church, look with favour on this portion of his Zion, and water the vine which his own right hand hath planted here. And may his own divine promise be verified, "A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the Lord will hasten it in his time."

#### CHRIST CHURCH, SHARON.

REV. CHARLES WILLIAM BRADLEY, RECTOR.

Families, 41; baptisms—infant, 1, adults, 2; communicants—added, anew, 4, by removals, 1, died or removed, 4, present number, 54; confirmed, 7; burials, 4.

The present incumbent commenced his services in this Parish, on the 1st September, 1837. Since mid-winter, I think that there has been a more general attendance on public worship, an increased attention to the subject of religion, and a manifest improvement in personal holiness, on the part of the parishioners. The good degree of prosperity which this Parish enjoys, is to be attributed, under God, to the Rev. Lucius M. Purdy, its late faithful Rector, whose health failing in the prosecution of his multiplied services, he resigned in May, 1837.

#### TRINITY CHURCH, BRISTOL.

REV. J. S. COVELL, RECTOR.

Families, 28; baptisms—infants, 6, adults, 3; confirmed, 8; communicants—added, 9, removed, 4, present number, 42; burial, 1; marriage, 1; Bible class, 15; Sunday School—teachers, 7, children, 35; subscribers for the Children's Magazine, 18, for the Chronicle of the Church, 13; volumes in the adult library, 35, Sunday School, 55; missionary and charitable contributions, \$19.31. Six dollars have been applied to the Society of Christian Knowledge, the remainder to the Sunday School Parish library.

Since Easter, on account of the embarrassed state of business, this Parish has been obliged to relinquish one half of my services. But the general prospects of the Parish are still quite encouraging; the attention of the people of the place is more generally turned to the Church, and the attendance upon its services is increasing.

#### ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, WOLCOTT.

REV. J. S. COVELL, RECTOR.

Families, 40; communicants—added, 3, present number, 48; marriage, 1;

Sunday School—teachers, 7, scholars, 33; Bible class, 26; 13 volumes have been obtained for the commencement of an adult library, and 26 for the Sunday School. The system of monthly offerings has lately been introduced; \$4.56 have been collected, which has been applied to purchase books for the library.

I took charge of this Parish the first Sunday after Easter, and have, since that time, officiated alternately here and at Bristol. The present prospects of this Parish are truly encouraging; there are generally as many that attend upon the services of the Church, as can conveniently be accommodated. Much earnest attention is given to the service and to the instructions from the pulpit, and a sense of deep-toned piety seems to pervade the whole.

### ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, PLYMOUTH.

REV. J. S. COVELL, RECTOR.

Families, 36; communicants—added, 3, removed, 2, present number, 47; baptisms—infants, 4; confirmed, 3; burials, 3; Sunday School—teachers, 7, scholars, 31; subscribers for the Childrens' Magazine, 10; for the Chronicle of the Church, 3; for the Episcopal Recorder, 3. Volumes in the Parish library, 34; Sunday School, 200.

I have officiated one quarter of the time in this Parish, from December last until Easter, in all, six Sundays, and every Wednesday evening during the season of Lent. Since that time, I have officiated, once in two weeks, at 5 o'clock on Sundays. The services of the Church are generally well attended.

In addition to these services, I have officiated nine times in Harwinton, on Wednesday evenings. I find scattered about this town, twelve or fifteen families who seem firmly attached to the Church. They have an academy that will seat one hundred and fifty persons, that belongs almost exclusively to the Church. They applied to me a little before Easter, to supply them one quarter of the time for the present year; but my time being all occupied, I was obliged to decline. There are in the town between twelve and fourteen hundred inhabitants, and only one place of public worship, and probably not more than one half attend public worship at all. I am therefore inclined to believe, that if a missionary could be sent among them, that Church would again be revived.

### ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, TARIFFVILLE.

REV. RANSOM WARNER, RECTOR.

Families, 56; baptisms—infants, 13, adult, 1; communicants, 33; marriages, 2; burials, 2; Sunday School—teachers, 12, scholars, 47; annual collection for the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, \$3.09.

During the last year, divine service has been performed in the Church on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, and the congregation has been larger than in former years, though the number of families actually belonging to the Church has not increased. This Parish suffers loss continually from emigration to the far west. But we have reason to believe that our loss is gain to the Church at large in that distant region, and that the fruit of our labour contributes something to the increase of our communion in the western states and territories. All things considered, the condition of the Parish of St. Andrew's is evidently prosperous and gradually improving.

### ST. PETER'S CHURCH, GRANBY.

REV. RANSOM WARNER, RECTOR.

Families, 42; Baptisms—infant, 1; marriages, 3; burials, 3; Sunday School—teachers, 8, scholars, 45.

Divine service has been performed in this Church during the past year, on the first and third Sundays of each month, with a few exceptions. The con-

gregation generally, during the warm season, has been as large as could be expected, but in the cold season, in consequence, it is believed, of the uncomfortable condition of the house of worship, it has been uniformly small. This Parish has been for a few years in a depressed condition, but there is at present some prospect of returning prosperity.

The Sunday School has been generally well attended, and if continued will eventually exert a happy influence on a region where such influence is greatly needed.

### CHRIST CHURCH, MIDDLETOWN.

REV. SAMUEL FARMAR JARVIS, D. D., RECTOR.

The Rector has introduced the practice of making an annual address on the state of the Parish, at the Easter meeting of his parishioners, a copy of which is herewith presented to the Bishop. The statements now made include only an abstract of that address, and, therefore, do not extend beyond Easter.

The number of families permanently attached to the Parish, remains about the same as last year; for though 7 have been added, an equal number have removed their residence. So with regard to communicants, 9 have removed and 9 have died; but 7 have been added, and 5 who were already communicants, have come into the Parish. The number of families, therefore, are about 80, and the communicants, in number, 76. The numbers who attend the Church appear to be on the increase.

An uncommon degree of health has prevailed during the past year. I have buried two infants and two adults. There have been three marriages, and thirteen baptisms in the year ending at Easter, viz. 12 children and 1 adult.

The Sunday School is well organized and more flourishing than it has ever been. The number of catechumens unregistered is not far from 100, and the average attendance exceeds 60. A female Bible Class has attended the Rector once a week, consisting of young persons of suitable age for confirmation. During Lent, agreeably to ancient usage, the children have been examined publicly in the presence of the congregation. During the same period, there has also been divine service on Wednesday and Friday evenings, and a course of lectures has been delivered on the Acts of the Apostles. At other periods of the year, two evenings have been devoted to pastoral visits and the meetings of the Sunday School teachers.

The plan of systematic charity as offerings to the Lord of our substance, has been begun and continued with most encouraging results. The Ladies' Missionary Society have been unremitting in their labours of love, and attempts are making to found a Parish library. It may be proper also to add, that the ladies of the Parish have paid to the Church Scholarship Society the sum of \$80. A beginning has thus been made, and I trust that the Parish, in proportion as God shall prosper us, will not be weary in well doing.

### TRINITY CHURCH, CHATHAM.

REV. SAMUEL M. EMERY, RECTOR.

Families, 116; baptisms—infants, 29, adults, 9; confirmed, 14; communicants—added, anew, 13, lost, by death, 1, removals, 1, withdrawn, 1, present number, 98; marriages, 3; burials, 9; Sunday School—teachers, 18, scholars, 112; missionary and charitable contributions—Domestic Missions, \$40; Society Promotion of Christian Knowledge, \$55; Church Scholarship Society, \$20; other purposes, \$55; Bishops' fund, \$85.

An individual of the Parish has given \$1000 to Washington College, and also \$100 to a Church in Ohio.

In addition to the usual services on Sundays during the pleasant season of the year, a third service has been held in different parts of the Parish, principally at the houses of aged people, who are not able to attend public worship, which, it is reasonably hoped, has been productive of much good. The Bible class, which meets every week, is regularly attended. The Parish, it is confi-

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### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ESSEX.

REV. J. M. TAPPAN, MINISTER.

Families, 30; baptisms—infants, 2; communicants, 41; burials, 4; Sunday School—teachers, 9, scholars, 30; Bible class, average number, 12; missionary and charitable contributions—Christian Knowledge Society, \$2.17; Domestic and Foreign Missionary Societies, \$6.37½; other purposes, \$3.93.

I commenced my services in this Parish in July of last year. From what I can learn, the situation and prospects of the Parish are as favourable now, as they have been for some years past. In the loss of Ebenezer Hayden, Esq., by death, we are deprived of one of our oldest, most respectable, and most devoted communicants.

In addition to my services here, I have occasionally officiated at North Killingworth. I have preached once at East Haddam, and have there officiated at one funeral.

### GRACE CHURCH, SAYBROOK.

REV. WM. WARLAND, JR., RECTOR.

Families, 33; baptisms—infant, 1; communicants—added, 5, removed, 1, present number, 33; confirmed, 1; marriage, 1; burials, 2; Sunday School—teachers, 8, scholars, 45; Bible class, 12; missionary contributions, about \$60. Christian Knowledge Society, \$4.

This Parish is apparently in a prosperous condition. The congregation is increasing in numbers, and a great degree of union and harmony prevails. Besides the regular service on Sunday, divine worship is held in Church on Friday evening, before each celebration of the holy communion; also during the season of Lent, at least one evening in each week, and on other special occasions. A Bible class continues to meet weekly, for expounding the Sunday School lesson, (the epistle and gospel for the Sunday,) a Ladies' Sewing Society is in successful operation, and the avails of their labours, with the monthly offerings, amounting to about \$50, have been appropriated to defray some of the expenses of the Parish.

Although there has been recently an important accession to our number, yet the Rector confesses with sorrow, that he can report no material advancement as to the spiritual state of his Parish. He is, however, encouraged to hope from the increasing and uniform attendance of the congregation on the services of the sanctuary, that a greater degree of religious sensibility will prevail, which may result in the accession of several to the communion.

### ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, EAST HADDAM.

C. BRAINERD AND R. D. CONE, WARDENS.

Families, 50; communicants, 60; marriages, 3; burials, 5; baptisms—adults, 3, children, 9. One of the burials was that of our beloved Rector, the Rev. Stephen Beach, whose memory we revere, and whose loss we deplore. The last time he addressed us from the pulpit, was the third Sunday in Advent. We acknowledge the gratuitous services of several of the neighbouring clergy, and the vestry have continued the salary of the late Rector to Easter, and have paid it to his family.

The Society have expended nearly \$300 in repairing the Church the past year.

### CHRIST CHURCH, MIDDLE HADDAM.

REV. G. A. STERLING, RECTOR.

I have been with this Society but a few weeks, therefore have little to report as the result of my own labours. Having found the society without a register, I am not prepared to report the number of communicants. It contains, however, about 50 families, who seem quite anxious to support public worship. They feel able to contribute about \$300 per annum.

REV. WILLIAM JARVIS.

In consequence of the continued painful affection of his throat, he reports, that he has been wholly incapacitated for the performance of any ministerial duties.

### CHRIST CHURCH, NORWICH.

REV. S. B. PADDOCK, RECTOR.

Owing to the changes constantly taking place in this Parish, it is impossible to make an accurate estimate of the number of families belonging to it. It has lost by emigration, since the present Rector has had the charge of it, (16 years,) more than 150 families. At no time, however, has the Church been better filled, nor has there been more calls for seats, than the past year. He, therefore, estimates the number of families at about 140.

The Rector has nothing remarkable to report respecting its spiritual state. The attendance on public worship has been good, and from the following abstract from the Parish register, it appears, not altogether in vain. There have been baptisms—adults, 3, infants, 19, total, 22; communicants—added, 19, removed, 13, present number, 143; confirmed, 8; marriages, 4; burials, 5; Sunday School—teachers, 33, scholars, 139; missionary and charitable contributions, \$287.51.

It is worthy of remark, and should call forth our liveliest gratitude to the Giver and Preserver of life and health, that only five of our number have been removed by death since August, 1836.

### ST. JAMES' CHURCH, NEW LONDON.

REV. A. HALLAM, RECTOR.

Families, 71; baptisms—infants, 12, adults, 1; communicants—added, 8, died or removed, 7, present number, 81; confirmed, 5; marriages, 5; burials, 6; Sunday School—teachers, 18, scholars, 90; missionary and charitable contributions—Christian Knowledge Society, \$34.91; General Missionary Society, \$69.48; General Theological Seminary, \$50; other objects out of the Parish, \$74.66; total, \$229.05. The Bible class has given place to a weekly expository lecture, at which consecutive portions of Scripture are explained. A good attendance is given.

No change worthy of special notice has taken place in the affairs of this Parish during the last year. Its condition may safely be represented as one of slow, but steady and solid improvement, spiritual and temporal.

### ST. JAMES' CHURCH, POQUETONNUCK.

REV. C. WOLCOTT, LATE MINISTER.

I commenced my services in this Parish about the middle of last June, and up to the present time have usually preached three times on the Lord's day, besides a regular Bible class lecture weekly, and other extra services. During the season of Lent, we had a regular service and sermon on every Friday evening, which in general were well attended. I have spent a considerable portion of the time in visiting the people from house to house, instructing them in the great principles of religion and the Church, and have usually been affectionately received, and attentively heard. I consider this as one of the

most important fields of usefulness—as there is a population of more than fifteen hundred souls within three miles of the Church, and no other place of worship.

Last August the ladies of this Parish formed a sewing circle, which has met once a week. They have already forwarded twenty-five dollars to the Missionary Society, for the propagation of the gospel in this Diocese. We have likewise established a monthly collection in the Church, and already taken up twelve dollars for the same object. We have also a Prayer Book and Tract Society, which has forwarded five dollars to the Prayer Book Society at Philadelphia, and about six dollars more to increase the Sunday School library—making in all, \$48. We have a flourishing Sabbath School, consisting of about 80 scholars—also a Bible class, containing about 25 members. Communicants—added, 2, died, 4, present number, 40; baptisms—adult, 1, infants, 7; marriages, 3; burials, 2; confirmations, 2.

Having laboured here for more than ten months, it is with regret that I leave this interesting and important station. But having recently received a very urgent and unanimous invitation from the Parish of Quincy, Massachusetts, to become their Rector, I have, after due deliberation, concluded to comply with their wishes, and shall probably commence my labours with them on the coming Sabbath. It is earnestly to be desired that the Parish of St. James, Poquetonnick, may be immediately supplied with a pious, faithful minister. Such an one will be cordially received by the people, and with small missionary aid will be comfortably supported, and, with the divine blessing on his labours, may soon build up a large and flourishing Parish.

#### ST. JAMES' CHURCH, POQUETONNUCK.

REV. ALFRED LEE, MINISTER.

Since my return to the Diocese, from which I have been absent during the winter on account of health, I have taken charge of St. James' Church, Poquetonnick, beginning to officiate on Whit-Sunday; which Parish was vacant, by the removal of the Rev. Calvin Wolcott, of Massachusetts, who has laboured there during the greater part of the year. The account of the Parish is embraced in Mr. Wolcott's report, which has been handed to the Secretary.

#### CHRIST CHURCH, SALEM,

REV. SILAS BLAISDALE, RECTOR.

Families, 22; baptisms—adults, 2; confirmed, 2; communicants—added, 2, present number, 15; funerals, 1; members of the Sunday School, 30; amount of missionary contributions, \$6.65.

#### ST. PETER'S CHURCH, HEBRON.

REV. ALPHEUS GEER, RECTOR.

The number of families belonging to this Parish is about 55; baptisms—adults, 5; communicants—added, 6, present number, 43; marriages, 3; burials, 2; Sunday School—teachers, 6, scholars, about 25. A Bible class is also formed, which is interesting the attention of a number of the younger members of the congregation. Collections for missionary purposes, \$11.50.

The condition of this Parish remains nearly the same as last reported, having undergone but little change, either in its temporal or spiritual affairs. With a commendable zeal, the Society provided, according to their ability, for my entire services the past year. Encouraged by this new arrangement, I felt that I had good reason to hope that I might witness more fruits from my labours than appears in the above report. I can only say in humble submission to the Divine council, "Paul may plant and Apollos water, but it is God that giveth the increase." Yet under the Divine blessing, I trust my labours have not been entirely in vain. An increased attention to the worship of the Church, and a more punctual attendance for divine service every Lord's day, than has



been witnessed at any former period, inspire me with the hope that many who now "desire a little more sleep, a little more slumber," may yet take upon them the character of professed followers of Christ. While, therefore, I am compelled to lament that so few are moved to profess their faith in Christ, by a diligent use of all the appointed means of grace, I have yet reason for thankfulness to the great Head of the Church, that its external order and distinctive principles are becoming better understood by the people of my charge, and the spiritual character of its service more fully realized.

#### ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WINDHAM.

REV. CHARLES I. TODD, MINISTER.

Families, 50; baptisms—infants, 2, adults, 2; marriage, 1; burials, 12; communicants—added, 4, died, 1, present number, 14; Sunday School—scholars, 50.

My services in this Church commenced the 18th of June, 1837, and were discontinued on Whit-Sunday, the 15th of the present month. During my services here, the congregation has much increased, and the Church, which is yet in its infant state, is in a flourishing condition.

### SUMMARY OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Reports were received from forty-seven Clergymen, and also from four Parishes destitute of Clergymen, from which the following summary is gathered: Families, 4,505; baptisms—children, 598, adults, 163, total, 761; confirmed, 462; communicants—added, 600, lost, 242, present number, 4530; marriages, 225; burials, 455; Sunday School—teachers, 673, scholars, 3930, Bible class, 269; missionary and charitable contributions, \$5,718.86.

### LIST OF THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF CONNECTICUT, 1838.

The Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Brownell, D. D. LL. D., Bishop, residing at Hartford.

\*The Rev. Ashbel Baldwin, residing at Stratford.

The Rev. David Baldwin, Rector of St. John's Church, North Guilford, and of the Churches in North Killingworth, Branford, and North Branford.

\*The Rev. Josiah M. Bartlett.

The Rev. E. Edwards Beardsley, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Cheshire.

The Rev. Benjamin Benham, residing at Brookfield.

The Rev. Lorenzo T. Bennett, assistant Minister of Trinity Parish, New Haven.

\*The Rev. Moses P. Bennett.

\*The Rev. George Benton, Missionary to Greece.

\*The Rev. Silas Blaisdale, Rector of Christ Church, Salem.

\*The Rev. Hilliard Bryant, officiating in the Parishes of Milton and Bradleyville.

The Rev. George Burgess, Rector of Christ Church, Hartford.

\*The Rev. Daniel Burhans, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, Oxford.

\*The Rev. Riverius Camp, Rector of Trinity Church, Brooklyn, and Christ Church, Pomfret.

The Rev. Alonzo B. Chapin, Editor of the Chronicle of the Church, New Haven, and officiating at St. James' Church, Westville.

- The Rev. Jacob L. Clark, Rector of St. John's Church, Waterbury.**  
**The Rev. Peter G. Clark, residing at Cheshire.**  
**The Rev. Thomas Clark, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Huntington.**  
**The Rev. Gurdon S. Coit, Rector of St. John's Church, Bridgeport.**  
**The Rev. Nathaniel E. Cornwall, Rector of Trinity Church, Southport.**  
**\*The Rev. Levi H. Corson, residing at Guilford.**  
**The Rev. Joseph H. Covell, Rector of Trinity Church, Bristol, and All Saints' Church, Wolcott.**  
**The Rev. Harry Crosswell, D. D., Rector of Trinity Parish, New Haven.**  
**The Rev. Edward J. Darken, Rector of Christ Church, Guilford.**  
**\*The Rev. Thomas J. Davis.**  
**\*The Rev. G. C. V. Eastman, residing at Litchfield.**  
**The Rev. Samuel M. Emery, Rector of Trinity Church, Chatham.**  
**The Rev. Henry Fitch, Rector of Grace Church, Hamden.**  
**The Rev. Alpheus Geer, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Hebron.**  
**The Rev. John M. Guion, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Meriden.**  
**The Rev. Caleb I. Good, Professor of Ancient Languages in Washington College.**  
**The Rev. Robert A. Hallam, Rector of St. James' Church, New London.**  
**The Rev. William Grant Heyer, residing at Norwalk.**  
**The Rev. Solomon G. Hitchcock, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Woodbury.**  
**The Rev. Frederick Holcomb, Rector of Christ Church, Watertown.**  
**The Rev. Oliver Hopson, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Naugatuck, and of the Church in Middlebury.**  
**The Rev. Lemuel B. Hull, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Wallingford.**  
**The Rev. Enoch Huntington, Rector of St. John's Church, New Milford.**  
**The Rev. Edward Ingersoll, Rector of Christ Church, Westport.**  
**\*The Rev. Edward J. Ives, Rector of Christ Church, East Haven.**  
**The Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Middletown.**  
**The Rev. William Jarvis, residing at Chatham.**  
**The Rev. Stephen Jewett, officiating in St. James' Church, Westville, and residing at New Haven.**  
**The Rev. Isaac Jones, Rector of Union Church, Hitchcocksville.**  
**The Rev. Alfred Lee, officiating in the Church at Poquetonnuck, and residing in Norwich.**  
**The Rev. Zebediah Hyde Mansfield, officiating in St. Mark's Church, New Britain.**  
**\*The Rev. Truman Marsh, residing at Litchfield.**  
**The Rev. William C. Mead, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Norwalk.**  
**The Rev. Allen C. Morgan, Principal of the Episcopal Academy, Cheshire.**  
**The Rev. Joseph H. Nicholls, Rector of Christ Church, Greenwich.**  
**\*The Rev. Birdsey G. Noble, residing at Bridgeport.**  
**The Rev. Seth B. Paddock, Rector of Christ Church, Norwich.**  
**\*The Rev. Lucius M. Purdy.**  
**\*The Rev. Smith Pyne.**  
**The Rev. Rodney Rossiter, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Monroe.**  
**The Rev. John H. Rouse, Rector of Christ Church, Bethany.**  
**\*The Rev. Thomas S. Savage, Missionary to Africa.**  
**\*The Rev. Joseph Scott, Rector of St. James' Church, Derby.**  
**The Rev. George C. Shephard, Rector of Christ Church, Stratford.**  
**The Rev. Henry B. Sherman, officiating in St. Andrew's Church, New Preston.**  
**\*The Rev. Richard C. Shimeall.**  
**The Rev. David H. Short, Rector of St. James' Church, Danbury, St. Thomas' Chapel, Bethel, and St. Paul's Church, Brookfield.**  
**\*The Rev. John D. Smith, Rector of Union Church, Humphreysville.**  
**\*The Rev. T. S. Snow, Rector of Trinity Church, Northfield, and Christ Church, Bethlem.**  
**\*The Rev. Albert Spooner, residing at Norwich.**  
**The Rev. George A. Sterling, officiating in Christ Church, Middle Haddam.**  
**\*The Rev. Sirvilius Stocking, officiating in St. George's Church, Milford.**

The Rev. Samuel C. Stratton, Rector of Trinity Church, and St. James' Church, Newtown.

\*The Rev. James Sunderland.

The Rev. Ambrose S. Todd, Rector of St. John's Church, Stamford.

\*The Rev. Charles I. Todd, Rector of Christ Church, Reading.

The Rev. James M. Tappan, Rector of St. John's Church, Essex.

The Rev. David G. Tomlinson, Rector of Christ Church, Trumbull, and of the Church in Weston.

The Rev. Silas Totten, President of Washington College, Hartford.

The Rev. Joseph D. Tyler, Instructor in the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb, Hartford.

The Rev. William Warland, Jr., Rector of Grace Church, Saybrook.

The Rev. William Watson, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Plymouth.

\*The Rev. Nathaniel S. Wheaton, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, in the city of New Orleans.

The Rev. Eli Wheeler, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Ridgefield.

\*The Rev. George S. White, residing at Canterbury.

\*The Rev. Milton Wilcox, residing at Simsbury.

The Rev. John S. Woodward.

The Clergymen to whose names an asterisk is prefixed, were not present at this Convention.

## CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS.

William B. Ashley,  
Andrew K. Cornish,  
Abel Nicholls,  
Thomas G. Salter,  
William Payne,  
N. S. Richardson,  
Isaac H. Tuttle,  
Henry Elliott,  
Charles Prindle,

Paschal P. P. Kidder,  
Thomas Clap Pitkin,  
Martin Moody,  
James R. Bailey,  
James D. Mead,  
William G. French,  
Ephraim L. Perkins,  
John Riggs,

Abner Jackson,  
Sheldon Davis,  
George L. Foote,  
William G. Morgan,  
Henry Townsend,  
William Atwill,  
Daniel Shepherd,  
Richard S. Adams.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

CR. *The Convention Fund in Account with Allen C. Morgan, Treasurer.* DR.

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| By Cash received from forty-two Parishes, being their assessment for 1837, . . .   | \$107.52        | To paid the assessment due to General Convention for 1836, . . .                              | \$36.50         |
| By Cash of the Rev. Dr. Jarvis, Treasurer of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, being a loan from said Society, . . . | 115.00          | To paid the assessment due the same, for 1837, . . .  | 39.00           |
|  | <u>\$222.52</u> | To paid Belknap & Hamersley the balance of their account, for printing Journal of 1836, . . . | 44.40           |
|  |                 | To paid Hitchcock & Stafford for printing Journal of 1837, . . .                              | 96.57           |
|  |                 | Advertising, . . .  | 2.00            |
|  |                 | Postage, . . .  | 1.14            |
|  |                 | To paid for 500 copies blank Parochial Reports, . . .   | 9.00            |
|  |                 |   | <u>\$228.61</u> |



## APPENDIX, NO. II.

### SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE, 1838.

*Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, in account with Samuel  
Farmer Jarvis, Treasurer, Dr.*

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| 1837.    |   |
| June 14, | To cash paid for missionary services, as ordered this day by the Board of Direction :   |
|          | Rev. Mr. Waters, at Hitchcocksville, last autumn, . . \$8.00  |
|          | Rev. Dr. Burhans, at Oxford, last autumn, . . . . . 10.00   |
|          | Rev. Oliver Hopson, at Middlebury, due at Michaelmas, 1836, and Easter, 1837, . . . . . 50.00   |
|          | 68.00   |
| Aug. 3,  | To cash paid as ordered by the Board of Direction, July 6th, and this day :   |
|          | Loan to the Convention Fund, paid Rev. A. C. Morgan, . . . . . \$115.00   |
|          | For missionary services at Salem, due at Michaelmas, and paid by anticipation to the Rev. Silas Blaisdale, . . . . . 50.00  |
|          | 165.00  |
|          | To cash for appropriations by the Board of Direction, August 3d, due at Michaelmas, but paid at sundry times, on presentation of the Bishop's orders, for missionary services, to the Rev. Messrs. E. E. Beardsley, Cheshire, \$50; Thomas J. Davis, New Britain, \$75; Ed. J. Darken, Weston, \$30.33; Calvin Wolcott, Poquetonnuck, \$50; David Ogden, New Canaan, \$25; Oliver Hopson, Middlebury, \$25; Stephen Beach, East Haddam, \$25; L. H. Corson, Guilford, \$25; Joseph H. Nicholls, Greenwich, \$25; Thomas Clark, Huntington, \$25; Alpheus Geer, Hebron, \$25, . . . . . 380.33 |
| Oct. 5,  | To cash paid Rev. Mr. Purdy, on the appropriation of last year, as per Journal of 1837, p. 48, . . . . . 50.00  |
| 1838.    |   |
| April 5, | To cash paid Uriel Spencer, Warden of the Parish of Hitchcocksville, due at Michaelmas, as per order of the Bishop, . . . . . 35.00   |
| "        | To sundry postages, . . . . . 1.52  |
| June 11, | To cash paid William D. Starr, for printing, . . . . . 4.00   |
| "        | To balance to be carried to new account, . . . . . 121.06   |
|          | <u>\$824.93</u>   |

|           | <i>Per Contra,</i>   | <i>Cr.</i>      |
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| 1837.     |  |                 |
| June 14,  | By balance from last account, as per Journal 1837, p. 47, .  | \$52.65         |
| "         | By cash, amount received at the Annual Convention, from thirty-one Parishes, and a collection in St. Paul's Chapel, New Haven, at the Annual Sermon, as per Journal 1837, p. 46, | 573.20          |
| July 6,   | By cash from "offerings of the Church," through Rev. Dr. Croswell, from Trinity Parish, New Haven, . . . . .   | 50.00           |
| Aug. 4,   | By cash, premium on silver, . . . . .  | 4.55            |
| Dec. 21,  | By cash from "offerings of the Church," received at various times as follows:  |                 |
|           | Aug. 3, From Rev. E. E. Beardsley, St. Peter's, Cheahire, . . . . .  | \$6.00          |
|           | " From Rev. S. Blaisdale, Christ Church, Salem, . . . . .  | 3.00            |
|           | Dec. 21, From Rev. Thomas Clark, St. Paul's, Huntington, . . . . .   | 5.00            |
|           | " From Rev. Robert A. Hallam, St. James', New London, . . . . .  | 14.91           |
|           |  | <u>28.91</u>    |
| 1838.     |  |                 |
| Jan. 22,  | By cash for dividend on two shares of Phoenix Bank Stock, Sep. 1837, . . . . .   | 4.00            |
| April 30, | By cash from "offerings of the Church," received as follows:   |                 |
|           | Jan. 13, From Rev. David Ogden, St. Mark's, New Canaan, . . . . .  | 8.00            |
|           | " 16, From Rev. S. Blaisdale, Christ Church, Salem, . . . . .  | 3.15            |
|           | " 23, From Rev. Riverius Camp, Trinity Church, Brooklyn, . . . . .   | 16.50           |
|           | Feb. 5, From Rev. Amos B. Beach, collection made in the Churches of Milton and Bradleyville, in 1836, . . . . .  | 5.00            |
|           | " 24, From Union Church, Hitchcocksville, by Uriel Spencer, Warden, . . . . .  | 3.18            |
|           | March 3, From Rev. L. Purdy, through Mr. Charles Benton, St. Paul's Church, Sharon, 1837, . . . . .  | 15.00           |
|           | April 30, From Christ Church, Greenwich, by Mr. S. Close, . . . . .  | 9.00            |
|           | " From Christ Church, Middletown, by the Rector, Christmas offerings, . . . . .  | 18.29           |
|           | Easter offerings, . . . . .  | 10.80           |
|           |  | <u>88.12</u>    |
| June 11,  | By cash from "offerings of the Church," received through the Rt. Rev. Bishop Brownell, as follows:   |                 |
|           | From Christ Church, Trumbull, \$5; Christ Church, Salem, \$3.50; from St. Paul's Church, Brookfield, Mrs. Peck, \$5; Miss Sherman, \$10, . . . . .                               | 23.50           |
|           |  | <u>\$624.93</u> |

It will be seen by the foregoing account, that in consequence of the loan to the Convention fund, and the diminished receipts of the year ending on the 12th of June, 1838, the Treasurer has been unable to pay the Easter appropriations directed to be made on the 3d of August, 1837.

The amounts due at Easter, are as follows:

## APPENDIX, NO. III.

### CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY.

#### ANNUAL MEETING.

HARTFORD, JUNE 13, 1838.

The annual meeting of the Church Scholarship Society was holden at Christ Church, after evening prayer, the President of the Society being in the chair. The Report of the Board of Directors was read and accepted. The Report of the Treasurer was read and accepted.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year, viz.:

#### *Board of Education.*

REV. SILAS TOTTEN,  
THOMAS BELKNAP, Esq.,  
SAMUEL TUDOR, Esq.,  
WILLIAM T. LEE, Esq.

DUDLEY BEACH, Esq.,  
ZEPHANIAH PRESTON, Esq.,  
DENISON MORGAN, Esq.

REV. GEORGE BURGESS, *Secretary.*

JAMES M. GOODWIN, Esq. *Treasurer.*

*Resolved*, That this Society will still regard itself as pledged to assist every worthy applicant for its assistance, in his preparation for the ministry.

*Resolved*, That, in the judgment of this Society, the Board of Education ought rigidly to adhere, in the execution of their trust, to that principle of the Constitution, which requires of every beneficiary "unequivocal testimonials of piety and promising talents."

GEORGE BURGESS, *Secretary.*

#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

The present is the 11th Annual Report, which has been presented to the Church Scholarship Society, and the 3d which has proceeded from the Board of Education, under its present organization.

This Society was established in the year 1827. Its aid has since been afforded to forty young men, in their preparation for the ministry. Of these, about one third have received Holy Orders; one has been removed by death, in the midst of his studies; two or three have relinquished their original design; and the remainder are still candidates, or at college. During the past year, three new beneficiaries have been received; and the whole number has been eight. In 1837, the number was seven; in 1836, nine; in 1835, twelve; in 1834, thirteen; so that the operations of the Society have been restricted, rather than extended. This has not been the consequence, however, of its pecuniary inability, as its resources, though they have never much exceeded, have almost always met, the claims upon its assistance; but the increasing disposition on the part of many Parishes and parochial societies, to make some individual the object of their peculiar aid, has rendered the applications to the Society less numerous than before. If it should be true, in addition, which the Board do not believe, that while the call for labourers in the harvest of the Lord has been increasing from all sides, the answers have become fewer and more faint, it would certainly be the duty of the Society not only to invite, but to urge and affectionately constrain to the acceptance of its aid, many whom nothing except indigence might withhold from looking forward to the sacred office. The number, however, of applications already received, in anticipation of the ensuing year, is seven; and as only two of the present beneficiaries will withdraw at the approaching commencement, there is little reason to doubt that a larger demand than ever, will soon be made on the funds of the Society.

It will be seen from the Report of the Treasurer, that a few of the more opulent Parishes of this Diocese have appreciated, and, with much generosity, supported the design, for which this Society was instituted; and the Board hope and believe that at least an equal support will be rendered, from the same sources, in the year to come. They may also expect that reimbursements from former beneficiaries will somewhat increase the amount of receipts; but, should the number of applicants be also increased, the Treasury will still require new friends, and more than the past exertions of the old.

The Diocese of Connecticut, from its location, from the character of the people, from the early and firm establishment of Episcopacy here, and from the fact that so many have resorted to this State, from other regions of our country, for purposes of education, always appeared to be called by Divine Providence, to assume a prominent part in the preparation of young men for the ministry of the Church. This sentiment had, doubtless, its influence in the establishment of Washington College; and, through that event, it has acquired a ten-fold force. The want of clergymen is certainly great; they must be educated; we wish that they should be educated here; and if in any other benevolent design of the Church, in its Foreign or its Domestic Missions, its Sunday Schools or its Prayer-book and Tract Societies, the foremost place may seem to belong to any other Diocese, we ought to wish, that in the cause of theological education, it may belong to this. It is hoped, therefore, that many more of our Parishes will lend their assistance, even though, in many instances, the contribution should be small.

The Board of Education would submit to the Convention the question, whether, in view of the state of the funds, and in anticipation of any considerable increase in the number of applicants, the original pledge of the Society, that every deserving candidate should receive aid, shall be regarded as still given to the public? If it be decided that it shall not be retracted, they will regard the Diocese as pledging itself to support them in the fulfillment of the promise, and will go cheerfully forward.

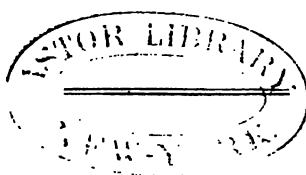
They would also request that the opinion of the Society may be expressed on the propriety of aiding in their studies, any young men of promise, who are not communicants of the Church, and have as yet no definite view to the ministry. Several applications of this kind have been received; but the Board of Education, following, as they judged, the spirit of the fifth article of the Constitution, which declares, that, "unless in very peculiar cases, no applicant shall be received, who does not produce unequivocal testimonials of piety, of promising talents and necessitous circumstances," have felt themselves constrained to withhold their aid. A discussion, however, at this time, of the qualifications to be required in candidates, would assist the Board to discern more evidently their own duty in instances which involve difficulty, and would, perhaps, prevent also some requests which they can neither grant without doubt, nor refuse without pain.

Since the last Convention, the Editor of the "Chronicle of the Church" has given notice by a public advertisement, that the receipts of that publication, after the payment of its expenses, shall be appropriated to the Church Scholarship Society. Although it was hardly to be expected that much profit would as yet have accrued from this source, yet the thanks of the Board are due for the kindness of the offer; and if it may be at once the means of strengthening the support of so useful a paper, and of affording eventually some benefit to the funds of this Society, the religious interests of the Church in this Diocese will gain a double advantage, with very little cost to any individual.

Amongst the most valuable of the younger clergy of Connecticut, are several whom, during their collegiate education, this Society numbered amongst its beneficiaries. Parishes that prize aright the services of one such faithful Pastor, ought not to be slow in their support of an institution which has helped to form so many, and, with the blessing of our gracious Lord, will raise up many more. The Board of Education esteem those contributors to its funds amply rewarded, who desired to advance the true interests of the Church, and loved the souls of their fellow men; and would close their Report with the expression of their devout gratitude for the mercy which has brought them thus far.



**JOURNAL**  
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**IN THE**  
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**1839.**

# LIST OF THE PARISHES

OF THE

## PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, IN THE DIOCESE OF CONNECTICUT, 1839.

### *Hartford County.*

Hartford, Christ Church.  
Glastenbury, St. Luke's Church.  
Simsbury, St. Andrew's Church.  
Granby, St. Peter's Church.  
East Windsor, (Warehouse Point,) St. John's Church.  
Southington, ——— Church.  
Bristol, Trinity Church.  
New Britain, St. Mark's Church.

### *Windham County.*

Brooklyn, Trinity Church.  
Pomfret, Christ Church.  
Windham, St. Paul's Church.

### *Middlesex County.*

Middletown, Christ Church.  
Chatham, Trinity Church.  
Middle Haddam, Christ Church.  
East Haddam, St. Stephen's Church.  
Saybrook, { (Essex,) St. John's Church,  
                  { Grace Church.  
North Killingworth, Union Church.

### *New Haven County.*

New Haven, { Trinity Church,  
                  { St. Paul's Chapel,  
                  { St. James, (Westville.)  
Guilford, Christ Church.  
North Guilford, St. John's Church.  
Branford, Trinity Church.  
North Branford, Zion Church.  
East Haven, Christ Church.  
North Haven, St. John's Church.  
Northford, St. Andrew's Church.  
Wallingford, St. Paul's Church.  
Cheshire, St. Peter's Church.  
Meriden, St. Andrew's Church.  
Hamden, Grace Church.  
West Haven, St. Luke's Church.  
Milford, St. George's Church.  
Derby, St. James' Church.  
Humphreysville, Union Church.  
Oxford, { St. Peter's Church,  
                  { Christ Church, (Quakers'  
                  { Farms.)  
Waterbury, St. John's Church.  
Naugatuck, St. Michael's Church.  
Woodbridge, Trinity Church.  
Middlebury, ——— Church.  
Bethany, Christ Church.  
Wolcott, All Saints' Church.

### *Tolland County.*

Hebron, St. Peter's Church.

### *New London County.*

New London, St. James' Church.  
Norwich, Christ Church.  
Preston, (Poquetonnuck,) St. James' Church.  
Salem, Christ Church.

### *Fairfield County.*

Stratford, Christ Church.  
Bridgeport, St. John's Church.  
Fairfield, Trinity Church.  
Weston, ——— Church.  
Norwalk, St. Paul's Church.  
Stamford, St. John's Church.  
Wilton, St. Matthew's Church.  
Ridgefield, St. Stephen's Church.  
Danbury, { St. James' Church,  
                  { St. Thomas' Chapel,  
                  { (Bethel.)  
Reading, Christ Church.  
Newtown, { Trinity Church,  
                  { St. James' Church.  
Brookfield, St. Paul's Church.  
Huntington, St. Paul's Church.  
Monroe, St. Peter's Church.  
Trumbull, Christ Church.  
New Canaan, St. Mark's Church.  
Greenwich, Christ Church.  
Westport, Christ Church.

### *Litchfield County.*

Litchfield, St. Michael's Church.  
Bradleyville, ——— Church.  
Milton, ——— Church.  
Northfield, Trinity Church.  
New Milford, St. John's Church.  
Bridgewater, St. Mark's Church.  
Sharon, Christ Church.  
Kent, St. Andrew's Church.  
New Preston, St. Andrew's Church.  
Washington, St. John's Church.  
Salisbury, St. John's Church.  
Woodbury, St. Paul's Church.  
Roxbury, ——— Church.  
Bethlem, Christ Church.  
Watertown, Christ Church.  
Canaan, ——— Church.  
Plymouth, { St. Peter's Church,  
                  { St. Matthew's Church.  
Hitchcockville, Union Church.

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HARTFORD, TUESDAY, JUNE 11th, 1839.

THIS being the day appointed by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Connecticut, for the Annual Convention of the same, the Rt. Rev. Thos. C. Brownell, D. D. LL. D., Bishop of the Diocese, and several of the Clergy and Laity, assembled at 10 o'clock A. M., in Christ Church, Hartford, which had been designated by the Bishop as a place of meeting.

Morning Prayers were read by the Rev. Robert A. Hallam, Rector of St. James' Church, New London; the Lessons by the Rev. Edward N. Mead, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Sing Sing, New York, and a Sermon delivered by the Rev. Ambrose S. Todd, Rector of St. John's Church, Stamford.

The Bishop then admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons, Messrs. James D. Mead, M. D., and Charles Fox; and to the Holy Order of Priests, the Rev. Alonzo B. Chapin and the Rev. Servilius Stocking.

The Bishop was assisted in the administration of the Communion by the Rev. Dr. Jarvis and the Rev. Messrs. Todd, Hallam, and Mead.

The services being concluded, the Convention was called to order by the Bishop.

A list of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention, was then called over by the Rev. Mr. Burgess, and the following gentlemen were found to be present, and took their seats as members:

Rt. Rev. T. C. Brownell,  
Rev. Wm. B. Ashley,  
" David Baldwin,  
" E. E. Beardsley,  
" Silas Blaisdale,  
" Chas. Wm. Bradley,  
" George Burgess,  
" Daniel Burhans, D. D.  
" Riverius Camp,  
" A. B. Chapin,  
" J. L. Clark,  
" G. S. Coit,  
" N. E. Cornwall,  
" L. H. Corson,  
" Joseph S. Covell,  
" Harry Crosswell, D. D.  
" Edward J. Darken, M. D.  
" Samuel M. Emery,  
" Henry Fitch,  
" Alpheus Geer,

Rev. John M. Guion,  
" Robert A. Hallam,  
" S. G. Hitchcock,  
" Melancthon Hoyt,  
" Frederick Holcomb, D. D.  
" Oliver Hopson,  
" E. Huntington,  
" Edward Ingersoll,  
" Abner Jackson,  
" S. F. Jarvis, D. D.  
" Stephen Jewett,  
" Wm. C. Mead, D. D.  
" Joseph H. Nichols,  
" Abel Nichols,  
" David Ogden,  
" Seth B. Paddock,  
" Wm. Payne,  
" N. S. Richardson,  
" Rodney Rossiter,  
" Joseph Scott,

Rev. H. B. Sherman,  
 " David H. Short,  
 " Servilius Stocking,  
 " S. C. Stratton,  
 " Foster Thayer,  
 " Ambrose S. Todd,  
 " D. G. Tomlinson,

Rev. Silas Totten, D. D.  
 " Thomas H. Vail,  
 " Wm. Warland,  
 " Wm. Watson,  
 " F. B. Woodward,  
 " John W. Woodward.

The Rev. Messrs. Burgess and Huntington were appointed a Committee to receive and examine the certificates of the Lay Delegates. The Convention then adjourned till 3 o'clock P. M.

CHRIST CHURCH, TUESDAY P. M. 3 O'CLOCK.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee to whom were referred the certificates of the Lay Delegates, reported that the following persons had been duly elected to represent their respective Parishes in this Convention:

|                      |   |                                    |
|----------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| Asa Gilson,          | } | St. Paul's Church, Windham.        |
| *Giles Taintor,      |   |                                    |
| James C. Hyde,       | } | St. Stephen's Church, East Haddam. |
| *Oliver Warner,      |   |                                    |
| Moses Andrews,       | } | St. Andrew's Church, Meriden.      |
| Benjamin Upson,      |   |                                    |
| *Curtis E. Lampson,  | } | St. Andrew's Church, New Preston,  |
| Benjamin Starr Hunt, |   |                                    |
| John Clark,          |   | St. Peter's Church, Monroe.        |
| *Stephen C. Gilbert, | } | St. John's Church, North Haven.    |
| Evelin Blakesley,    |   |                                    |
| Herman H. Williams,  |   | St. Andrew's Church, Northford.    |
| Richard Blakesley,   | } | Grace Church, Hamden.              |
| *Elias Ford,         |   |                                    |
| Richard Adams,       | } | Christ Church, Norwich.            |
| *Elisha Tracy,       |   |                                    |
| Joseph Hall,         | } | Trinity Church, Chatham,           |
| Daniel Russell,      |   |                                    |
| Heman Hall,          |   | All Saints' Church, Wolcott.       |
| Samuel F. Lambert,   |   | St. Matthew's Church, Wilton.      |
| *James Beebe,        | } | St. James' Church, Danbury.        |
| Ephraim Gregory,     |   |                                    |
| Joel Foot,           | } | St. Peter's Church, Hebron.        |
| *Abner Hendee,       |   |                                    |
| *Joseph N. Clark,    | } | Trinity Parish, New Haven.         |
| Enos A. Prescott,    |   |                                    |
| *Russell Hotchkiss,  |   |                                    |
| Laban Smith,         |   |                                    |
| Alexander Hollister, | } | St. Luke's Church, Glastenbury.    |
| Horace Talcott,      |   |                                    |
| Newell Johnson,      |   | St. James' Church, New Haven.      |
| John H. Kelsey,      |   | Christ Church, Guilford.           |
| Keeler Dauchey,      | } | St. Stephen's Church, Ridgefield.  |
| *Wm. R. Keeler,      |   |                                    |
| Eli F. Rogers,       |   | Trinity Church, Branford.          |
| Wm. H. Tomlinson,    | } | St. Michael's Church, Naugatuck.   |
| Calvin Wooden,       |   |                                    |
| Ebenezer Jackson,    | } | Christ Church, Middletown.         |
| *Noah A. Phelps,     |   |                                    |
| Artemas Worthington, |   | Christ Church, Salem.              |
| Newton Wooden,       |   | St. Matthew's Church, Plymouth.    |
| Sherman Hickcox,     |   | St. John's Church, Waterbury.      |
| Samuel A. Baker,     |   | St. John's Church, Washington.     |

Benjamin D. Doolittle, } St. Peter's Church, Cheshire.  
 \*Lloyd Moss, }  
 Wm. H. Merriman, } Christ Church, Watertown.  
 Thomas R. Candee, }  
 \*George Jarvis, } Union Church, Hitchcocksville.  
 Uriel Spencer, }  
 \*Lorenzo P. Lee, } St. Mark's Church, New Britain.  
 Emmanuel Russell, }  
 \*E. Ingham, } St. John's Church, Essex.  
 \*Amos Scovill, }  
 \*John Davis, St. Peter's Church, Oxford.  
 Alexander Hamilton, St. John's Church, Bridgeport.  
 Samuel Tudor, } Christ Church, Hartford.  
 Cyprian Nichols, }  
 Peter Davison, Trinity Church, Brooklyn.  
 \*Henry F. Gillett, St. Peter's Church, Granby.  
 \*Jotham Sherman, } Trinity Church, Newtown.  
 Jabez B. Peck, }

This Report being accepted, the roll of Lay Delegates was called, when a quorum was found to be present. Those with this mark (\*) prefixed to their names, were absent.

The following persons being duly elected—but without the usual certificates—were, on motion, admitted to seats in the Convention :

Levi Hotchkiss, } St. James' Church, Derby.  
 Stephen G. Wilcoxson, }  
 A. A. Perkins, } Christ Church, Bethany.  
 \*Charles French, }  
 Isaac E. Newton, St. John's Church, Waterbury.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of a Secretary, and on the second ballot, the Rev. Mr. BURGESS was found to have a majority; DANIEL RUSSELL, Esq., of Chatham, was appointed *Assistant Secretary*. The Bishop then delivered the following Address, pursuant to the 51st Canon of the General Convention.

## ADDRESS.

### MY BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY, AND OF THE LAITY :

At every annual return of our Ecclesiastical Convention, our first thoughts should be directed to the goodness and mercy of that Almighty Being who has preserved our lives, and meted out to us our measure of health and enjoyment, during the years that are passed, and by whose guardian care the Church is ever watched over, protected, and blessed. At this time, then, let us call upon our souls and all that is within us, to love, adore, and praise our Heavenly Father, for all the favours which he has vouchsafed to us, and to the portion of his Church entrusted to our care, since we were last assembled within these walls. Let us devoutly supplicate his presence with us during our present undertakings; let us seek his guidance in our counsels, and his blessing on our labours; and may He graciously accept our thanksgivings, and grant a gracious audience to our prayers, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer.

During the past year, the usual measure of prosperity has been extended to the Church in this Diocese. The same harmony of sentiment in regard to doctrine, discipline, and worship, and the same brotherly love among its Cler-

gy and its members, which has so long been cherished, still prevails. I know not that any of the Parishes have declined; and a few of them, which have been depressed for want of pastoral superintendence, are assuming a more encouraging aspect. Though no marked degree of religious sensibility appears to have pervaded the Church, yet we have no reason to apprehend that the silent and gentle influences of the Spirit have been withheld from any portion of it; while we may humbly trust that they have drawn many new members within its fold, and sustained and comforted many a true believer.

In laying before you the account of my official acts, for the past year, I may remark, that I have visited many Parishes in which no duties, peculiarly Episcopal, were required—except those of a general superintendence and encouragement.

The holy rite of Confirmation has been administered in the following Parishes, viz.:

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| June 17, St. Peter's, Plymouth, . . . 29 | Nov. 9, Brookfield, . . . . . 10   |
| " " Bristol, . . . . . 1                 | " 11, Newtown, . . . . . 8         |
| " 18, Northfield, . . . . . 2            | " 13, Trumbull, . . . . . 4        |
| " 19, Wolcott, . . . . . 8               | " 14, Bridgeport, . . . . . 12     |
| " 20, Litchfield, . . . . . 2            | " 18, New Haven, . . . . . 48      |
| " 21, Milton, . . . . . 4                | Dec. 12, Guilford, . . . . . 1     |
| " 22, Bethlem, . . . . . 11              | Jan. 13, Glastenbury, . . . . . 20 |
| " 24, Watertown, . . . . . 19            | April 7, Saybrook, . . . . . 2     |
| " " Waterbury, . . . . . 34              | May 12, Hartford, . . . . . 28     |
| July 8, Chatham, . . . . . 6             | " 19, New Milford, . . . . . 4     |
| " 15, Hitchcocksville, . . . . . 4       | " 20, New Preston, . . . . . 7     |
| " 22, Windham, . . . . . 2               | " 21, Brookfield, . . . . . 4      |
| " 30, Brooklyn, . . . . . 6              |                                    |
| Aug. 12, Cheshire, . . . . . 10          | In all, . . . . . 300              |
| Sept. 2, Middletown, . . . . . 14        |                                    |

On the 8th of July last, in Trinity Church, Chatham, I admitted Andrew H. Cornish, William Payne, Nathaniel S. Richardson, Abel Nichols, and William B. Ashley, graduates of the General Theological Seminary, into the Holy Order of Deacons. On the 2d day of September, in Christ Church, Middletown, I admitted Abner Jackson, Assistant Professor of Languages in Washington College, and John Williams, Tutor in that Institution, into the same Holy Order. And on the 16th day of December, in Christ Church, Hartford, I also admitted Thomas G. Salter, a graduate of the General Theological Seminary, into the Holy Order of Deacons.

On the 9th day of November, in St. Paul's Church, Brookfield, I admitted the Rev. Solomon G. Hitchcock into the Holy Order of the Priesthood. And on the 14th day of that month, in St. John's Church, Bridgeport, I admitted the Rev. William G. Heyer into the same sacred Order. It is, further, my duty to record that I have this day, in your presence, admitted James D. Mead and Charles Fox to the Holy Order of Deacons; and Rev. Alonzo B. Chapin and Rev. Servilius Stocking to the Holy Order of Priests.

On the 17th day of January last, I instituted the Rev. Jacob L. Clark into the Rectorship of St. John's Church, Waterbury.

On the 29th day of August, I consecrated a new brick edifice in Glastenbury, by the name of St. Luke's Church. It is a very neat and commodious building, and its erection has been attended with a great increase of the congregation, and a most encouraging manifestation of zeal on the part of the members. On the 9th day of November, I consecrated St. Paul's Church, Brookfield. This is a spacious edifice of wood, in the Gothic style of architecture, and similar good effects appear to have accrued to the Parish, from its erection. On the 12th of December, I consecrated Christ Church, Guilford, a very elegant Gothic edifice of stone—consistent in all the details of that order of architecture, and highly creditable to the taste of the Building Committee, as well as to the liberality of the congregation.

Of the changes among the Clergy, which have taken place since our last Convention, the decease of the Rev. Allen C. Morgan has been felt as pecu-

liarly afflictive. He had greatly endeared himself to an extensive acquaintance, by his private worth; and his death will be regarded as a severe loss to the literary institution over which he presided with such distinguished ability, as well as to the Church in which he was so acceptable a Minister. It is also my painful duty to record the death of the Rev. James Tappan, late Minister of the Parish at Essexborough, but ecclesiastically connected with the Diocese of New York. My brethren of the Clergy, we are frequently called upon to apply the providences of God to the instruction of others. Let us not fail to make a practical application of those dispensations of Divine Providence, which come peculiarly near to ourselves. Two of our brethren have been taken from the midst of us, in the meridian of their days. Let us hold ourselves ever prepared to render an account of our stewardship. Whatsoever our hands find to do, let us do it with our might; and while so many faithful servants are called away to receive the reward of their labours, let us "pray to the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth new labourers into his harvest."

The following Clergymen have taken dimissory letters, and have removed to other Dioceses, viz.: The Rev. Andrew H. Cornish, to the Diocese of Illinois; the Rev. James Sunderland and the Rev. William G. Heyer, to the Diocese of Maryland; the Rev. Alfred Lee, to the Diocese of Pennsylvania; the Rev. Thomas J. Davis, to the Diocese of Ohio; the Rev. Thomas W. Snow, to the Diocese of Massachusetts; the Rev. Smith Pyne, to the Diocese of New York, and the Rev. Eli Wheeler, to the Diocese of Western New York.

The following Clergymen have been duly received into this Diocese, with the Canonical Testimonials from their respective Bishops, viz.: The Rev. Melancthon Hoyt, from Indiana; the Rev. Edwin W. Wiltbank, from Pennsylvania; the Rev. Foster Thayer, from New York; the Rev. Thomas H. Vail and the Rev. Dexter Potter, from Massachusetts. The Rev. John Williams had been regularly transferred from Massachusetts to this Diocese, previous to his Ordination. The Rev. Charles W. Bradley, officiating at East Haddam, the Rev. Edward C. Bull, officiating at Brookfield, and the Rev. B. M. Yarrington, officiating at Greenwich, are still ecclesiastically connected with the Diocese of New York; the Rev. T. B. Woodward, officiating in the Parish of St. Mathew's, Plymouth, is, in like manner, connected with the Eastern Diocese, and the Rev. Warner Hoyt, who accepts the Rectorship of the Parish of Ridgefield, has not yet presented his dimissory letter from the Diocese of Maryland.

Several changes have taken place in the location and services of the Clergy of the Diocese. The Rev. E. Edwards Beardsley has accepted the office of Principal of the Episcopal Academy at Cheshire. The Rev. Silas Blaisdale has removed from Salem to the Parish of Hitchcocksville, being succeeded in his former Parish by the Rev. John W. Woodward. The Rev. Levi H. Corson has accepted the Rectorship of the Parish of Branford, and removed to that place. The Rev. John M. Guion has removed from Meriden to the Parish of New Britain, to which he has been elected Rector, and has been succeeded in his former charge by the Rev. Melancthon Hoyt. The Rev. Frederick Holcomb, D. D., so long and so faithfully the Rector of Christ Church, Watertown, has resigned the charge of that Parish, and the Rev. N. S. Richardson has been called to enter on his labours; the Rev. Dr. Holcomb himself being now zealously, and we trust successfully engaged in an effort to revive the decayed Parish of Harwinton. The Rev. Edward J. Ives has resigned the Rectorship of Christ Church, East Haven. The Rev. Zebediah H. Mansfield has removed from New Britain to the Parish of Warehouse Point. The Rev. Joseph H. Nichols has resigned the Rectorship of Christ Church, Greenwich. The Rev. Henry B. Sherman has removed from New Preston, and accepted the Rectorship of the Parish of Windham. The Rev. William Payne has become Rector of St. Michael's Church, Litchfield. The Rev. William B. Ashley has become Rector of St. Luke's Church, Glastenbury. The Rev. Foster Thayer has accepted the Rectorship of St. Paul's Church, Huntington. The Rev. Thomas H. Vail has accepted the Rectorship of St. John's Church, Essexborough. The Rev. George C. Shepard has left the

Parish of Stratford, on a voyage to Europe, and has been succeeded by the Rev. E. W. Wiltbank.

The following persons are now candidates for Holy Orders in this Diocese, viz.: Isaac H. Tuttle, Charles Prindle, Paschal P. P. Kidder, Thomas C. Pitkin, Martin Moody, James R. Bailey, William G. French, Ephraim L. Perkins, John Riggs, Sheldon Davis, George L. Foote, William G. Morgan, Henry Townsend, William Atwill, Daniel Shepherd, Charles W. Everest, Charles Gillet, John G. Hull. Charles Fox, previous to his ordination, had been received as a candidate, by transfer from the Diocese of New York, and Richard S. Adams has removed to the Diocese of Kentucky. J. Henry Elliott, a candidate of great promise to the Church, has been removed by death.

*Brethren of the Convention*:—I have now laid before you a brief summary of my official labours during the past year, embracing a cursory view of the present state of the Diocese. This communication, together with the Parochial Reports which will shortly be exhibited to you, and a comparison of the whole with the statistics presented at former Conventions, will enable you to form a tolerably correct estimate of the present condition of that portion of the Lord's vineyard entrusted to our care. It had been my purpose to offer some reflections on the means of promoting Christian Education, and of advancing the cause of the Redeemer, through the instrumentality of our diocesan institutions, as well as those established by the General Convention of the Church. But the same bodily indisposition which interrupted the course of my late visitation, admonishes me to desist from any present attempt to arrange my thoughts on these subjects. Should it please Divine Providence to restore my health, they may perhaps find their way to you, in the form of a Pastoral Letter, through the columns of the *Chronicle of the Church*; or they may be reserved as the chief topics of an Address, or Charge, at the next Annual Convention.

I cannot, however, conclude this Address, without briefly adverting to one subject, which I deem of immediate and paramount importance:—I am anxious to urge upon the Lay members of the Convention, and through them, upon all the Parishes of the Diocese, the necessity of a more adequate provision for the maintenance of the Clergy. During the twenty years that I have been connected with this Diocese, the salaries of its Clergymen have remained nearly stationary. As the weaker Parishes have gained strength, they have sought the services of Clergymen for a greater portion of the time. And as some of the larger Parishes have gained additional increase, they have sought the services of Clergymen who were supposed to possess higher qualifications of learning, or talents. But in Parishes of the same class, there has been little or no change in the salaries of the Clergy, for the last twenty years. And yet, it is well known, that within this time, there has been a great advance in the price of nearly all the necessities of life. Many articles of prime necessity have doubled in value; and most of the articles of food, raiment, and fuel, have become at least one fourth more expensive. The wages of common labourers, and of mechanics, have advanced in nearly the same proportion. I pray the Laity of our Parishes, then,—they who derive the advantage from this increase of the wages of their labour, and of this enhanced value of the fruits of their industry—to consider this matter, and to inquire whether equal justice is extended to the labours of the Clergy. Do they do to their Clergy as they wish others to do to them?

But there is another view of this subject. During the last twenty years, the necessary qualifications for the Clerical profession have been greatly enhanced. Partly in consequence of the progressive improvements in society, and partly, perhaps, from the establishment of Theological Seminaries, the public sentiment is constantly demanding higher qualifications in classical education, and in Theological learning. The money now required to carry a young man through the Academy, the College, and the Theological Seminary, would purchase a considerable farm, or constitute a moderate capital for the young manufacturer, mechanic, or merchant. And yet how different are the worldly prospects of these classes? The industrious farmer may secure a competence for his family, or even rise to affluence. The mechanic, the manufacturer,



and the merchant, may become rich, through the many avenues of enterprise. But the Clergyman, whose intelligence might find such scope in the pursuits of ambition, must be content with the mere necessities of life. And if he leaves a family behind him, when he is called from his labours, they must be consigned to the charities of the world, or to the care of more fortunate relatives, or friends.

It is true that the Clergyman has higher ends and aims than the acquisition of wealth. It is also true that the cares of riches might tend to withdraw his thoughts from his more sacred duties. But it must be remembered that poverty has also its cares. And though I would not wish to see a wealthy Clergy, I would desire to see every Clergyman's mind freed from corroding anxieties in regard to the immediate support of his family; and I think it not too much to desire, also, that he should be able to lay aside some little provision for the support of his old age, or to secure a bereaved family from absolute want.

In this Diocese, I know of no Clergyman, with a family, who receives a greater compensation for his services than is necessary for his immediate and moderate support. I know of many who are scarcely able to maintain their families, with the most rigid economy, and who have a hard struggle to keep free from the humiliation of unpaid demands for the common necessities of life. The condition of the unmarried Clergy is but little better; for, in most cases, any modicum they may be able to save from their necessary expenses, must be expended in books, or applied to the payment of debts incurred during their preparation for the Ministry.

Brethren of the Laity,—these things ought not so to be. They are repugnant to justice, to humanity, and to Scripture. "The labourer is worthy of his hire." "If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great matter if we shall reap your worldly things?" "Do ye not know, that they who minister about holy things, live of the sacrifice; and they who wait at the altar, are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord also ordained, that they who preach the Gospel, should live of the Gospel."

I say not these things at the instance of the Clergy; for they are as uncomplaining as they are self-denying. But as Providence has placed me in a station to witness their privations, as well as their devoted labours; and knowing, as I do, the discouragements which these privations throw in the way of those who are looking forward to the sacred office, I should be unfaithful to my duty, and unjust to my feelings, if I failed to inculcate upon the several Parishes of this Diocese, the immediate necessity of a more adequate provision for the support of their Clergy.

THOS. C. BROWNELL.

Hartford, June 11, 1839.

The Bishop, as one of the Committee appointed at the last Convention, to "prepare a correct list of the Clergy of this Diocese, entitled to seats in the Convention," made a report, which, upon his suggestion, was referred to a Committee on Canons.

The following gentlemen were appointed this Committee: Rev. Drs. *Creswell*, *Holcomb*, and *Mead*, and Messrs. *Foot* and *Lambert*.

The Rev. Mr. Burgess having asked to be excused from serving as Secretary, the Rev. E. E. Beardsley was appointed to supply his place.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Cornwall, *Resolved*, That the Rules of order of the last Convention, be adopted as the Rules for the present Convention.

#### RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced by prayer.
2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand, unless to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention, unless he have leave from the house.

4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.

6. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and shall not again be drawn into debate during the same session.

7. While the President is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the house, or read any book.

8. Every member who shall be in the Convention when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be particularly interested in the decision.

9. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless it be seconded, and reduced to writing when required.

10. When any question is before the Convention, it shall be determined on, before any thing new is introduced, except for adjournment.

11. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.

12. When the Convention is to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leave the chair.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, belonging to other Dioceses, and candidates for Holy Orders, who may be in town during the session of this Convention, be admitted to the sittings of the same.

Whereupon, the Rev. Edward N. Mead, of Sing Sing, New York, took a seat in the Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Burgess, *Resolved*, That the annual meeting of the Church Scholarship Society, be held to-morrow evening, after evening prayers.

The Rev. Dr. Jarvis, Secretary of the Standing Committee, read an abstract of their proceedings, which is entered on the Journal of the Convention, according to the provisions of the 6th Canon.

*Abstract of the proceedings of the Standing Committee, from the Convention of 1838 to the Convention of 1839.*

1. The first meeting of the Standing Committee was held in Hartford, June 14, 1838, all the members being present. The Rev. Dr. Croswell was chosen President, and the Rev. Dr. Jarvis, Secretary.

2. The second meeting was held at Middletown, July 6th, 1838. Present, the Rev. Messrs. Hull, Paddock, Burgess, and the Secretary. Canonical Testimonials having been presented in favour of Nathaniel S. Richardson, Abel Nichols, Andrew Hiram Cornish, William B. Ashley, and William Payne, they were accordingly recommended to the Bishop for the Holy Order of Deacons.

3. The third meeting was held at Hartford, August 2, 1838. Present, the Rev. Dr. Croswell, the Rev. Messrs. Hull and Burgess, and the Secretary. Canonical Testimonials having been presented in favour of John Williams and Abner Jackson, they were recommended for Deacons' Orders.

4. The fourth meeting was held at Cheshire, November 7, 1838, all the members being present. Canonical Testimonials having been presented recommending Charles W. Everest and Charles Gillet, graduates of Washington College, they were accordingly recommended to the Bishop, as candidates for Holy Orders.

Thomas G. Salter having presented the requisite testimonials, was recommended to the Bishop for Deacons' Orders.

The Rev. William Grant Hyer, and the Rev. Solomon Gilbert Hitchcock, Deacons, were recommended for the Holy Order of Priests.

5. The fifth meeting was held at Waterbury, January 16, 1839. Present, the Rev. Dr. Croswell, and the Rev. Messrs. Hull and Burgess. In the absence of the Secretary, the Rev. Mr. Burgess was appointed Secretary *pro tempore*.

Canonical Testimonials having been presented in favour of John G. Hull, A. B., of Yale College, he was recommended as a candidate for Holy Orders.

On application from the President of the Standing Committee of Western New York, enclosing the Canonical Testimonials of the Rev. Dr. DeLancey, Bishop elect of that Diocese, and requesting the concurrence of this Committee, agreeably to the 5th Canon of the General Convention of 1832; the members present proceeded to sign the requisite testimonial, and it was afterwards sent to the absent members for their signatures, which were given.

6. The sixth meeting was held at New Haven, May 16, 1839. Present, the Rev. Dr. Croswell and the Rev. Messrs. Hull and Burgess. The Secretary being absent, the Rev. Mr. Burgess was appointed Secretary *pro tem*.

Canonical Testimonials having been presented in favour of the Rev. Wm. Payne and the Rev. Nathaniel S. Richardson, Deacons, they were recommended to the Bishop for Priests' Orders.

7. The seventh meeting was held at Hartford, June 10, 1839. Present, the Rev. Dr. Croswell, the Rev. Mr. Burgess, and the Secretary.

Canonical Testimonials having been presented in favour of Isaac H. Tuttle, Charles Prindle, Thomas Clap Pitkin, Charles Fox, and James D. Mead, M. D., they were severally recommended to the Bishop for Deacons' Orders.

The Rev. Servilius Stocking and the Rev. Alonzo B. Chapin, Deacons, were in like manner recommended to the Bishop for Priests' Orders.

Respectfully submitted,

S. FARMAR JARVIS, *Secretary*.

The House then proceeded to the appointment of a Standing Committee, which resulted in the election of the Rev. HARRY CROSWELL, D. D., Rev. SAMUEL F. JARVIS, D. D., Rev. GEORGE BURGESS, Rev. SETH B. PADDOCK, Rev. LEMUEL B. HULL.

The Rev. Mr. Short offered the following resolution, which was laid on the table, to be taken up to-morrow:

*Resolved*, That the Constitution of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, be amended, by striking out the 6th article, and substituting the following:—All persons who are members of the Church in this Diocese, shall be considered as belonging to the Society.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Rev. Mr. Short be appointed to receive the sums due from the several Parishes, on the assessment for making up the deficiency in the Bishop's salary.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Watson, *Resolved*, That immediately after Divine service to-morrow morning, this Convention will proceed to hear the Parochial Reports, and continue to hear them until they are finished.

The following resolution, which was submitted to the consideration of the last Convention, and ordered to lie over for final action at this, was called up by the Rev. Dr. Croswell:

*Resolved*, That the sixth article of the Constitution of the Connecticut Episcopal Academy, be amended, by striking out the words, "*shall be elected by the Board of Trustees—a majority of the Trustees for the time being, concurring;*" and substituting, *shall be elected by the Convention of the Diocese*.

After some discussion, the resolution was lost—a very large majority voting against it.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Burgess, *Resolved*, That the Committee on Canons be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing a permanent place of deposit for the records of the Convention, and other books and papers belonging to the Diocese.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

CHRIST CHURCH, WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 12, 8 O'CLOCK.

The Convention assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayers were read by the Rev. Seth B. Paddock, Rector of Christ Church, Norwich; after which the Bishop took the chair, and the Convention proceeded to business. The roll was called, and the minutes of the preceding day were read, and, after some amendments, accepted.

*Edward Starr, Jr.*, a Lay Delegate from Christ Church, Redding, and *Merriman Matthews*, from Trinity Church, Bristol, appeared, and took their seats in Convention.

The reading of the Parochial Reports was then commenced; which being finished, the Rev. Dr. *Jarvis*, as Treasurer of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, made a report, which was referred to an auditing Committee, composed of Mr. Foot, of Marlborough, and the Assistant Secretary. Leave of absence was then granted for the remainder of the session to the Rev. Dr. Jarvis and Ebenezer Jackson, Esq., Lay Delegate, from Middletown.

The Auditing Committee made a report, which was accepted. Dr. *Cresswell*, Chairman of the Committee on Canons, made a report, proposing for the adoption of the Convention, several Canons; which were taken up and considered separately. The Canon *Providing for a list of Clergymen entitled to seats in the Convention*, was taken up, and after some discussion and amendments, passed as follows:—

It shall be the duty of the Bishop and Standing Committee, or in case of vacancy in the Episcopate, of the Standing Committee, previously to the meeting of every Annual Convention, to prepare an accurate list of the Clergymen of this Diocese, entitled to seats in the Convention, agreeably to the existing Constitution and Canons, to be presented and read by the Secretary, before any other business shall be transacted; and this shall be the list, according to which the Convention shall be organized.

The second Canon proposed by the Committee, was taken up, and after some discussion upon it, a motion to adjourn till 2 o'clock P. M., was made, and carried.

CHRIST CHURCH, 2 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Convention met agreeably to adjournment, when leave of absence was granted for the remainder of the session, to Mr. Newell Johnson, of Westville. The Canon *Concerning Parochial Collections*, under discussion in the forenoon, was again taken up, and finally passed as follows:—

It shall be the duty of every Parish in this Diocese, to establish Parochial Collections, not less than four in each year, for the aid of the benevolent institutions of the Church, and to appropriate at least once a year, to the Connecticut Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, such portion of those collections as the Rector and Vestry, or the Vestry, when there is no Rector, or a Committee appointed by such Vestry, or by a vote of the Parish, shall deem expedient.

Canon 7, concerning collections for the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, is hereby repealed.

The following Canon *Concerning the settlement of Clergymen*, was also read and adopted:

Every cure in this Diocese, on the call of a Clergyman, shall, within one month after such call, apply to the Bishop, or in case of vacancy in the Episcopate, to the Standing Committee, for permission to settle such Clergyman, and no Clergyman, by virtue of a parochial cure, shall take his seat in this Convention, until such permission shall be obtained.

The Committee on Canons also reported the following resolution, which was passed:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be directed to procure a safe and convenient depository for the papers and documents belonging to this Convention, to be placed in the Library of Washington College, under the care of the President of said Institution.

The following proposed alteration in the Constitution, was submitted for the consideration of the Convention, and ordered to lie over for final action at the next Annual Convention:

ARTICLE IX., 5th line, after the word "state," [add] *and in case of any vacancy occurring in said Committee, by death, removal, or resignation, the remaining members shall have power to supply said vacancy, until the next Annual Convention.*

The resolution offered by the Rev. Mr. Short, yesterday afternoon, was called up, and after some discussion, the subject was referred to a Committee of three, with power to revise the Constitution of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, and report at the next Convention.

The Rev. Messrs. *Burgess* and *Short*, and *Samuel Tudor*, Esq., were appointed this Committee.

The Rev. Dr. *Croswell* presented the resignation of Col. *William Mosely*, as a Trustee of the Connecticut Episcopal Academy, which was accepted, and a Committee appointed to nominate suitable persons to supply any vacancies in the Board.

The Rev. Dr. *Croswell*, the Rev. Mr. *Beardsley*, and *Richard Adams*, Esq., were appointed this Committee, who, after retiring, nominated *Wm. Law*, Esq., and the Rev. *Wm. Watson*; whereupon these gentlemen were elected Trustees of said Academy.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. *Chapin*, *Resolved*, That it be recommended to all the Ministers of Parishes in this Diocese to observe as many of the special occasions of public worship, appointed by the book of Common Prayer, as the situation and circumstances of their Parishes will allow.

Leave of absence was granted for the remainder of the session, to *Asa Gilson*, Esq.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Secretary and the Rev. Messrs. *Chapin* and *Bennett* be a Committee to superintend the printing of the Journal.

On motion, *Resolved*, That one thousand copies of the Journal be printed.

The Committee appointed at the last Convention, to "examine a series of books prepared by the Rector of Trinity Church, New Haven, and such other books as they might deem expedient for the use of Sunday Schools and Catechetical Classes," was continued to the next Convention.

After the usual devotions, and the benediction of the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

T. C. BROWNELL, *Bishop of the Diocese of Connecticut, and President of the Convention.*

E. E. BEARDSLEY, *Secretary.*

## APPENDIX, NO. I.

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### ABSTRACT OF THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

The Bishop reports, that he has visited many Parishes during the past year, in which no duties peculiarly Episcopal were required, except those of general superintendence and encouragement; that the rite of Confirmation has been administered to three hundred persons; that ten persons have been admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons, and four to that of Priests; that three Churches have been consecrated, and one Clergyman instituted; that two of the Clergy have died during the past year; that eight have taken letters dimissory from the Diocese, and six have been canonically received into it; that five are officiating in the Diocese without having presented their dimissory letters from other Dioceses; that three have resigned their cures, and eight been transferred to other stations; that there are nineteen candidates for Holy Orders; and that the Parishes generally are in a state of temporal and spiritual prosperity.

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### PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

#### CHRIST CHURCH, HARTFORD.

REV. GEORGE BURGESS, RECTOR.

Families, 292; baptisms—infants, 27, adults, 5; confirmed, 28; communicants—added, by removals, 42, anew, 66, lost, by death, 5, removals, 27, withdrawals, 5, present number, 402; marriages, 10; burials, 33; Sunday School—teachers, 38, scholars, 228; missionary and charitable contributions, \$1801.

In addition to the usual services on the Lord's day, a lecture has been held on Wednesday evenings, and, during most of the year, a Bible class for young men on Sunday evenings.

Since the last Convention, the Parish have made arrangements for the completion of the tower of their Church, after the original design, in stone, of the estimated cost of eight thousand dollars; half has been raised by subscription. The work is now in progress.

A decided aspect of prosperity, union, and strength, is presented by this Parish, in every temporal view; and the Rector would hope that this is an image of its spiritual peace and welfare. It has, however, the dangers of a period of ease; dangers to be averted only by great watchfulness, and by active diligence in well-doing.

#### TRINITY CHURCH, CHATHAM.

REV. SAMUEL M. EMERY, RECTOR.

Families, 112; baptisms—infants, 13; confirmed, 6; communicants—added, by removal, 1, anew, 14, lost, by death, 3, removals, 6, present number, 102; marriages, 7; burials, 16; Sunday School—teachers, 16, scholars, 121; missionary and charitable contributions, \$200: Society P. C. Knowledge, \$40; Church Scholarship Society, \$5; Domestic Missionary Society, \$10; to three

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Churches in Ohio, \$105; to the Church in Springfield, (Mass.) \$25; to the Parish of Bristol, \$5; Colonization Society, \$10.

Within the past year a new and excellent organ has been procured for the Church, and the Parish have cheerfully contributed one thousand dollars, to meet the expense of it. They have also subscribed one hundred and ten dollars, for other purposes.

This Parish is believed to be in a prosperous condition; the congregation continues to increase. The accessions to the communion are as large as could reasonably be expected, and the Sunday School was never more flourishing.

Throughout the year, frequent extra services have been held; and during the winter season, a Bible class has been attended to each week.

### ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, GLASTENBURY.

REV. WILLIAM B. ASHLEY, MINISTER.

Families, 85; baptisms—infants, 19, adults, 4, total, 23; confirmed, 20; communicants—added, by removals, 6, anew, 29, lost, by death, 3, removals, 11, whole number at present, 88; marriages, 5; burials, 6; Sunday School—teachers, 24, scholars, 90; missionary and charitable contributions, \$63.51.

The present incumbent assumed the charge of this Parish early in July last. It had then been destitute of a settled Clergyman about six months, during which period, the pulpit was generally supplied either by our venerated Diocesan, or by the Clergy who are connected with Washington College. The Episcopal congregation in this place, has increased at least one third within the last year and a half; owing ostensibly to the erection of the present edifice on a site more convenient and central than that on which the old one stood. During the past year, the number of regular attendants on the services of the Church has been gradually increasing; and the minister has been truly gratified of late, to find that a desire for information, with regard to the distinctive principles and practices of the Church, has been excited in the minds of many, who have hitherto been attached to it from mere motives of expediency. This desire has been promptly gratified, by lectures on the catechism, and by the circulation of books; and these measures are resulting in the increase of conscientious and consistent Churchmen. With regard to the spiritual edification of the Church in this place, without which its numerical increase is nothing worth, the minister humbly trusts, and most gratefully acknowledges, that "the Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

### TRINITY CHURCH, BRISTOL.

REV. JOSEPH S. COVELL, RECTOR.

The number of families belonging to this Church, that may be considered as *legal* members, is only 12; and 14 more that purchase slips, making the whole number 26. Communicants—removed, 3, added, 3, present number, 42; baptisms—infants, 6; confirmed, 1; funerals, 5; Sunday School—teachers, 8, scholars, 32; Bible class, 17; subscribers for the Chronicle of the Church, 10; for the Children's Magazine, 16; volumes in the Adult Library, 35, Sunday School, 55; missionary and charitable contributions, \$15.26. Seven dollars and sixty-three cents have been appropriated to the Society of Christian Knowledge; the remainder to purchase books.

A few months ago, this parish was labouring under the embarrassment of a debt, due for building their Church, and for services, of \$950; which threatened, if not soon paid, to hinder very much its prosperity, if not to prevent divine service entirely. And the number to whom we were obliged to look, to bear the principal burden of the debt, was few, (only ten or twelve,) and they having paid very liberally before for building the Church, and to sustain services, had become somewhat discouraged. In order, therefore, to secure the Church, and to keep the Parish together, it seemed necessary to obtain some assistance from abroad. I accordingly visited the following Parishes, and found

a kind reception, and a ready response to my request, from my brethren in the ministry, and others. I obtained from St. John's Church, Waterbury, \$23; from Trinity Parish, New Haven, \$25; from St. John's Church, Bridgeport, \$20; from individuals belonging to Christ Church, Hartford, \$41; from St. Peter's Church, Plymouth, \$30; from the Rev. Dr. Mead, Norwalk, \$4; from two individuals in Chatham, \$5; in all, \$154; and about \$750 was liberally subscribed in the Parish. There still remains due for *my services, for which there is no provision made in the Parish*, \$50; and for this they are *now* looking to the Christian Knowledge Society. And I think I can safely say, that no parish in the Diocese, according to their numbers, have done more than this; and none more deserving of assistance. They would express their grateful acknowledgments for the favours they have received, and will feel willing, as the Lord shall prosper them, to bestow favours on others, in their turn. As it regards the present prospects of the Parish, it gives me pleasure to state that I consider them *somewhat* better than they have been, at any time since my connection with it. But *situated* as we are, with three other houses of worship near us, opened every Sunday, we suffer very much for the want of Clerical services the whole time. During the season of *Lent*, this Church was opened every Friday morning, with a very good attendance. Once in two weeks, on Sundays, at 5 o'clock, I hold a third service, in the South village, or in some other section of the town; generally a large number attends. Grateful to God for his former blessings on our humble Zion, we would cheerfully wait his own good time for a larger increase in number, and a richer growth in grace.

#### ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, WOLCOTT.

REV. JOSEPH S. COVELL, RECTOR.

Families—removed, 1, added, 2, present number, 41; communicants—removed, 1, added, 17, present number, 62; baptisms, adults, 2, infants, 8; confirmed, 8; marriages, 6; funeral, 1; Sunday School—teachers, 8, scholars, 33; subscribers for the Chronicle of the Church, 7; for the Children's Magazine, 5; the number of volumes in the Parish Library, 13; Sunday School, 38; missionary and charitable contributions, \$18.65. Three dollars and forty-two cents have been appropriated to the Society of Christian Knowledge; the remainder, to purchase books for the Sunday School, and the Sunday School Library.

The general prospects of this Parish are more and more encouraging; the attention of the larger portion of the people of the town, is turned to the Church; and I am inclined to believe, that the time is not far distant, when they will be enabled to support a Clergyman the whole time. During the season of *Lent*, this Church was opened for divine service, every Wednesday, and generally the attendance was very good. In these services I endeavoured not only to instruct the people more fully in the *ancient usages* of the Church, by showing them their *design* and *importance*; but also to give them a practical tendency; that by following the *customs* and the *examples* of the saints of old, here on earth, we may hope to attain to their blessedness in the Church triumphant in heaven.

#### ST. MARK'S CHURCH, NEW BRITAIN.

REV. JOHN MARSHALL GUION, RECTOR.

I continued in the parochial charge of St. Andrew's Church, Meriden, until the close of October last, at which time I resigned the Rectorship. In this Parish, since my last report, I have baptized four infants; performed the marriage ceremony three times; and attended four funerals.

Since the first Sunday in Advent, under a temporary arrangement, I have regularly officiated in St. Mark's Church, New Britain, where I have likewise attended two funerals. This Parish, of recent origin, is, as yet, feeble in respect to numbers and resources. Their limited abilities are therefore very





inadequate to the support of a Clergyman; other considerations, however, have prevailed with me, with the approbation of the Bishop, to accept the rectorship to which I have been canonically elected. The zeal and perseverance of a little band of the friends of the Church have commended them to the patronage of the almoners of the Church's bounty; the prospect of ultimate success promises well to repay their "nursing care." The precise number of families and communicants strictly united to the Church, has not, as yet, been ascertained; it is, however, in each case very small; yet do they form a rallying point for a numerous class, which is found in the population of a manufacturing town, not decidedly attached to any religious denomination, who are glad to avail themselves of the opportunity of attending the services of the Church, while many young persons, accustomed to her worship, perhaps educated in her principles, though called to leave the paternal roof, find themselves not excluded from the privileges to which their youthful associations incline them. Hence the band of Episcopalians here, strictly form a missionary family; the Church is a Missionary Church; the ground is missionary ground. The general attendance on the Lord's day has been respectable, frequently numerous, so much so as to encourage the hope, that the permanent establishment of the Church in New Britain, will be the means of much spiritual good. In conclusion, though the writer, aware as he is of the mutations of these changeable times, would not indulge in expectations too sanguine, yet would he not withhold the expression of his persuasion, that with due fostering care, under the divine blessing, St. Mark's Parish will, at no distant day, take its rank among the more flourishing in the Diocese.

**PARISH OF TRINITY CHURCH, INCLUDING TRINITY CHURCH  
AND ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL, NEW HAVEN.**

REV. H. CROSWELL, D. D., RECTOR, REV. L. T. BENNETT, ASSISTANT MINISTER.

Families, (about) 670; baptisms—infants, 57, adults, 15; confirmed, 48; communicants—added, anew, 56, lost, by death, 13, present number, over 700; marriages, 23; burials, 61; Sunday School—teachers, 59, scholars, 522; Bible class, 70; missionary and charitable contributions, \$1147.66.

Since the last meeting of the Convention, nothing has occurred in the Parish, to require particular notice. The returns show a steady increase in the number of communicants, and in the teachers and scholars of the Sunday School. It is not practicable to ascertain the exact number of families belonging to the Parish; nor can the number of removals of communicants, to or from the Parish, be stated with any precision. It is believed, however, that the above report is very nearly accurate. We are happy to note a considerable increase in the missionary and charitable contributions. This report embraces only the collections made in the monthly "offerings;" the private subscriptions to aid in building Churches, not being included.

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WATERBURY.**

REV. JACOB L. CLARK, RECTOR.

Families, 152; baptisms—infants, 15, adults, 7; confirmed, 34; communicants—added, by removals, 14, anew, 33, lost, by death, 5, removals, 14, present number, 215; marriages, 11; burials, 19; Sunday School—teachers, 48, scholars, 240; missionary and charitable contributions, \$824.21, distributed as follows: to the Christian Knowledge Society, \$75; to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, \$258.28, equally divided between the two committees; \$20.93, contributed by the children of the Sunday School, for two infant Sunday Schools in Bishop Kemper's Diocese; to the Church Scholarship Society, \$308; towards erecting a Church at New Albany, Indiana, \$37; for the benefit of four Parishes in this Diocese, \$225. I ought here to state, that \$10 of the appropriation to the Christian Knowledge Society, and \$30 to the Church Scholarship Society, were raised by the ladies' sewing circle. In addition to the above, there have been expended in our own Parish, \$903.50—\$63.50 for the increase of the Sunday School and Parish Libraries, and \$850

for the enlargement of the Church, by which forty additional slips are provided. A regular weekly lecture has been held in the Church throughout the year, and occasional other lectures in the remote parts of the Parish.

The Rector is happy to report a constant increase in zeal and devotion to the general interests of the Church, among his people. He has witnessed, during the past year, no marked religious sympathy in the Parish generally, but he has been often cheered in his labours by the earnest inquiries of the anxious sinner, yielding, as he trusts, to the silent, gentle influences of the Holy Spirit.

Among the deceased, the Rector has to include the name of the Rev. Allen C. Morgan, his immediate predecessor, who died in New York, and was interred in Waterbury, October 15th. He would be unjust to the people of his charge, did he fail to notice in this place, the promptitude and more than willingness, with which they have erected, at an expense of \$150, a neat and appropriate monument over the grave of our lamented brother. It stands, a tribute of their affection for a faithful and devoted Pastor—and may the short career of him whose memory it is designed to perpetuate, admonish his successors in labour, to use all diligence and faithfulness in building up this portion of the Redeemer's kingdom.

#### ST. JAMES' CHURCH, DERBY.

REV. JOSEPH SCOTT, RECTOR.

Families, 110; baptisms—infants, 14, adults, 1; communicants—added, by removals, 8, anew, 8, lost, by death, 4, present number, 135; marriages, 14; burials, 30; Sunday School—teachers, 12, scholars, 100; missionary and charitable contributions, \$31.

In submitting this report, it is proper to say, that a part of it is for two years, as there was no report from this Parish to the Convention last year. The temporal prospects of this Parish are now more favourable and encouraging than they have ever been, since my connection with it. Several worthy Episcopal families have been added to us the present year, by removals; and others, who have been halting between opinions as to a place of attendance upon public worship, seem disposed, finally, to give their preference to our Church. Our congregations, in favourable weather, are regularly full. These facts, together with the recent prospect of an enlargement in the business operations of this place, render it safe for me to say, that this Parish, under judicious management, will, undoubtedly, still continue to increase in numbers and in wealth, for several years to come. It becomes me to state, in behalf of my Parish, as well as for myself, that the smallness of the amount of our missionary and charitable contributions, in the present report, is not owing to any diminution in our zeal and interest in the good cause of missions, but to the fact, that the Parish have been at the expense of \$150, for making necessary repairs in our organ. The spiritual condition of this portion of the Church, so far as we can judge from the fruits of our holy religion, is also favourable. In addition to the usual services on the Lord's day, there have been services held during the week, in different parts of the Parish. For these continual blessings, we would be thankful to the Great Head of the Church, without whom "nothing is strong, nothing is holy."

#### — CHURCH, MIDDLEBURY.

REV. OLIVER HOPSON, RECTOR.

Families, 23; baptisms—infants, 2; communicants—lost, by removal, 1, present number, 25; Sunday School—teachers, 7, scholars, 26; missionary and charitable contributions—to the Christian Knowledge Society, \$6; to the Church Scholarship Society, \$3; for other purposes, \$5.80—total, \$14.80.

The condition of this Parish has undergone no material change since it was last reported. It will be seen from the preceding statistics, that some praiseworthy exertions have been made in aid of the missionary operations of the Church. Entire harmony prevails among its members, and their zeal and

steadfastness under many difficulties and discouragements, are deemed worth of much commendation.

### TRINITY CHURCH, BRANFORD.

REV. L. H. CORSON, RECTOR.

Families, 70; baptisms—infants, 3; communicants—added, 4, died, 6, present number, 42; marriage, 1; burials, 9; Sunday School—teachers, 10, scholars, 56; missionary and charitable contributions, \$26.22.

From the foregoing returns, it will be perceived, that there has been, within the last year, in this Parish, an increase of 18 families. This has resulted from the fact, that it enjoys now, for the first time since its organization, the entire services of a resident Clergyman. And, it is humbly trusted, that its spiritual keeps pace with its temporal growth.

### GRACE CHURCH, HAMDEN.

REV. HENRY FITCH, RECTOR.

Families, 53; communicants—added, by removals, 4, anew, 1, lost, by death, 2, removals, 3, present number, 50; marriages, 2; burials, 6; Sunday School—teachers, 6, scholars, 30; missionary and charitable contributions, \$44.30.

In reporting the condition of this Parish, while the Rector has deeply lamented that none have been presented for the sacrament of baptism, that none have ratified their baptismal obligation by the holy rite of confirmation, and that on the part of many there is an habitual indifference to the preached word, he is warranted in the belief, that his labours have not been wholly ineffectual. There is a perceptible increase of interest in the services of the Church, and accessions are gradually made to the congregation. On the Wednesday evenings, during the season of Lent, lectures were held in various parts of the Parish, and generally, were well attended. The system of monthly offerings has been commenced, and has, thus far, favourably operated. This Parish, though somewhat weakened by removals, may be said to be eternally prosperous. It is united and in harmony. Would that we might report, that its spiritual corresponded to its temporal prosperity.

### UNION CHURCH, HUMPHREYSVILLE.

REV. J. D. SMITH, RECTOR.

Families, 110; baptisms—infants, 3; communicants—added, 3, died, or removed, 5, present number, 71; marriages, 5; burials, 16; Sunday School—teachers, 12, scholars, 60; contribution to the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, \$8.

Since last Easter, I have officiated in Christ Church, Oxford, one half of the time, and at Humphreysville, the other half. As the report for Christ Church Oxford, will be made up to last Easter, by the Rev. Dr. Burhans, the former Rector, I have only to report, 1 marriage and 1 burial, since that time.

### CHRIST CHURCH, GUILFORD.

REV. EDWARD J. DARKEN, M. D., RECTOR.

Families, 60; baptisms—infants, 3; confirmed, 1; communicants—added, by removal, 1, anew, 5, lost, by removal, 1, present number, 71; marriages, 5, burials, 3; Sunday School—teachers, 12, scholars, 50; missionary and charitable contributions, \$45.

The outward condition of this Parish may be said to be prosperous. A Church has been completed, and well furnished; and at no period since the writer has been settled in the Parish, has there been a better attendance upon its services.

That the efforts of a Parish, small in number and feeble in strength, have been thus blessed, calls for our devout gratitude. May the God of all grace

"give us a due sense of all his mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth his praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives."

### ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, NAUGATUCK.

REV. OLIVER HOPSON, RECTOR.

Families, 85; baptisms—infants, 9; communicants—added, by removals, 2, anew, 6, lost, by removals, 5, present number, 64; marriages, 5; burials, 6; Sunday School—teachers, 20, scholars, 100; contributions to the Christian Knowledge Society, \$5; to Foreign and Domestic Missions, \$10; for other purposes, \$17.55—total, \$32.55.

The outward condition of this Parish may still be regarded as prosperous. The regular attendance upon the services of the Church has, of late, much increased. More general and more efficient exertions have been made for the support of Gospel ministrations. The Sunday School is more numerously attended, and under better organization; and it affords much pleasure to observe, that the importance of the *religious* education of children and youth, is much more deeply felt than formerly. It would, however, have afforded the Minister *peculiar* pleasure, could he have been enabled to report a greater number of additions to the communion, and could he have been assured, that the spiritual improvement of the Parish had been equal to its temporal prosperity.

### ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MERIDEN.

REV. MELANCTHON HOTT, RECTOR.

The present Rector took charge of this Parish on the 20th of December last, since which he reports:—baptisms—adults, 2; marriage, 1; burials, 2; communicants—added, by removal, 1, anew, 3, lost, by death, 1, present number, 97; families, 65; Sunday School—teachers, 9, scholars, about 45; Bible class, about 20.

The Rector has great pleasure in being enabled to say, that his Parish, at least in its external condition, is prosperous. The congregation is steadily increasing in strength and numbers. The Society have recently re-seated and otherwise improved their Church edifice, and thus have gained ten new pews. On the day of sale, nearly every pew above and below was rented, and of those remaining, all but one have since been taken.

In consequence of the expense of repairing the Church edifice, the Rector has not deemed it advisable to call upon his people to contribute to any of the missionary or charitable objects of the Church. He designs, however, soon to re-commence the plan of monthly offerings, which (as he has been informed) had been adopted by his predecessors, and he fondly trusts that the people of his charge will manifest the value which they put on their spiritual privileges, by freely imparting (according to their means) to others, that they too may enjoy the same blessings.

### ST. PETER'S CHURCH, CHESHIRE.

REV. E. EDWARDS BEARDSLEY, RECTOR.

Families, 55; baptisms—infants, 4, adults, 3; confirmed, 10; communicants—added, by removals, 7, anew, 7, lost, by death, 3, removals, 7, present number, 95; marriages, 5; burials, 5; missionary and charitable contributions, \$57.75—\$10 of it to the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge.

As an evidence of the increasing prosperity of this Parish, it may be stated, that measures have recently been taken towards the erection of a new Church. The building is to be composed of brick, in the Gothic style, 54 feet by 40, exclusive of the tower projection. The walls are to be commenced in August, and it is hoped that the building will be ready for consecration early in the summer of 1840.

Although still retaining the Rectorship of this Parish, yet it is proper to observe, that my services are entirely gratuitous. One motive in doing this, has been to encourage the erection of a new Church; for, being few in number, and not possessed of large wealth, the people would scarcely be able to incur such expense, and support, at the same time, a Clergyman. A secondary motive has been, the benefit of the Academy; for all who have had any experience in the management of the young, will acknowledge, that our houses of public worship must be made somewhat inviting, to secure their voluntary attendance.

#### ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NORTHFORD.

REV. S. STOCKING, MINISTER.

Families, 36; communicants, 40; baptisms—infants, 4; marriages, 2; collections, \$5.

My labours commenced in this Parish on the first Sunday in October last. The congregation has been gradually increasing; the condition of the Church considerably improved; and the prospects before us are quite flattering. The services of the Church for one half the time, are nobly sustained by those of our Lay brethren, who have long defended our Zion in this Parish, and in some of the most trying events in its history, have not failed to show themselves Churchmen in adversity and Christians in prosperity.

#### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, NORTH HAVEN.

REV. S. STOCKING, MINISTER.

Families, 50; communicants, 40; burial, 1; collections, \$5.

Although my services in this Parish commenced the first Sunday after Easter, and my opportunity for accurate knowledge respecting the religious state of every family, has been limited; yet I am happy to state, that such is the temporal and spiritual condition of the Parish, the blessings of our heavenly Father attending our efforts, we may look for its future prosperity.

#### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, NORTH GUILFORD.

REV. D. BALDWIN, RECTOR.

Families, 39; baptisms—infants, 3; communicants—added, by removals, 2, anew, 2, lost, by death, 1, present number, 41; marriages, 2; burials, 3; Sunday School—teachers, 5, scholars, 20; missionary and charitable contributions, \$4.51.

Since the last Convention, I have officiated twenty-one Sundays in Union Church, North Killingworth; administered the Lord's Supper six times; baptized three children, and attended three funerals.

This Parish needs some encouragement. A little aid from the Christian Knowledge Society would probably be attended with good effects.

#### ST. JAMES' CHURCH, NEW HAVEN, (WESTVILLE.)

REV. A. B. CHAPIN, MINISTER.

The unsettled state of this Parish during the past year, having been without any *convenient* place of worship, and for some time without any place but a private house, renders it impossible to give at this time any exact account of its state and condition. But notwithstanding this inconvenience and discouragement, we have the happiness to believe that its progress has been onward—both by bringing in those from without, and by stirring up those within, to greater diligence in the performance of all Christian duties. I am also happy to be able to state, that there exists a very commendable zeal and spirit among all the members of the Parish, without (as far as I know) a single exception, in regard to all the benevolent operations and institutions of the Church; and though their means are small, and their burdens at present heavy, they take pleasure in giving whatever they are able, to advance the cause of the Gospel abroad,

as well as at home. During the past year, most of their contributions for charitable purposes, have been devoted to trimming and furnishing the pulpit and altar of their new Church, which is now finished, and in which we had the pleasure of meeting on Sunday last, (June 9,) for the first time.

The Church is a neat Gothic structure, built of brick, and finished in plain and simple style, but yet with great good taste, judgment, and discretion; and I cannot forbear availing myself of this opportunity of acknowledging, on behalf of this Parish, the deep sense which they feel of their obligations to the Rev. Stephen Jewett, to whose exertions they owe it, that they have such a house, and also, that they are able to exist as a Parish.

As yet, this Parish has been able to sustain service but half of the time; and I have been employed the remainder in some of the neighbouring Parishes. For the six months preceding Easter, I officiated one half of the time in St. John's Church, North Haven, where I baptized two infants.

Since the first of April, I have officiated one half of the time at West Haven; but am only able to say, that its condition is now, as far as I learn, nearly or quite the same as when last reported.

### ST. PETER'S CHURCH, OXFORD.

REV. DANIEL BURHANS, D. D., RECTOR.

Families, 60; baptisms, infants, 11, adults, 1; communicants—added, by removals, 3, anew, 2, lost, by death, 4; marriages, 2; Sunday School—teachers, 10, scholars, 55.

In consequence of erecting a new Church in 1836, this Parish omitted all missionary and Diocesan contributions, but with their present Minister, the Rev. John D. Smith, I trust they will be awakened to a sense of their duty, for which they are abundantly able, to do something.

### CHRIST CHURCH, QUAKERS' FARMS.

REV. DANIEL BURHANS, D. D., RECTOR.

Families, 55; baptisms—infants, 12; communicants—added, by removals, 2, anew, 3, lost, by death, 3; marriages, 2; Sunday School—teachers, 9, scholars, 40.

This Parish was organized in 1811, and a very handsome Church was erected in the year following. For several years it increased in numbers, zeal, and piety; but they were unfortunate, and by death, by removals, and by a series of unforeseen events, they have suffered as much, perhaps more than any other Parish in the Diocese. In 1829, they found themselves involved in debt, their Church out of repair, and their prospects becoming more and more gloomy and forbidding, until the few male members left were completely disheartened. But there were a few Phebes, of Cenchrea, and Dorcas, who *made coats and garments*, whose hearts the Lord touched; and in 1835 they formed a society, under the title of the *Ladies' Society of Christ's Church, Oxford*: which, by continued labour, union, economy, and good management has earned and saved \$325. At one time they paid for arrearages and old debts, \$140.36; for painting and repairing the inside of the Church, \$114.36; and they have contributed liberally for the Bishop's fund, singing, Sunday school books, &c. There is evidently an awakened and primitive zeal arising in the Parish, that gives encouragement to hope the time is not far distant, when they will be enabled to support a Clergyman the whole of the time. *May the Lord prosper their handy work.*

### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, BRIDGEPORT.

REV. G. S. COIT, RECTOR.

Families, 303; baptisms—infants, 21, adults, 4; confirmed, 12; communicants—added, by removals, 10, anew, 26, lost, by death, 6, removals, 3, present

number, 267; marriages, 17; burials, 32; Sunday School—teachers, 26, scholars, 165; Bible class, 40; missionary and charitable contributions, \$349.25.

This Parish is in a flourishing condition. The Church, although large, and recently built, is not sufficient to accommodate all who apply for seats. I am happy to add, that the spiritual state of the Parish is decidedly improved. May the spirit of grace continue to bless us.

Among the deaths which have occurred during the past year, it is proper, perhaps, to mention that of Mrs. Shelton, the relict of the Rev. Philo Shelton, formerly Rector of the Church. I need not eulogize that excellent and venerable woman—her praise is in the Churches, and her record is on high.

#### ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, NORWALK.

REV. WM. COOPER MEAD, D. D., RECTOR.

Baptisms—infants, 7, adults, 2; communicants—added, by removals, 3, anew, 3, lost, by death, 4, whole number, 127; marriages, 2; burials, 18; Sunday School—teachers, 25, scholars, 145; missionary and charitable contributions, \$450.

There are in the Parish about forty subscribers to the Chronicle of the Church; twenty to the Spirit of Missions; twenty-five to the Journal of Religious Education; and eighty-five to the Children's Magazine.

#### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, STAMFORD.

REV. A. S. TODD, RECTOR.

Families, 103; baptisms—infants, 7; communicants—added, anew, 5, lost, by death, 2, present number, 130; marriages, 2; burials, 8; Sunday School—teachers, 7, scholars, 50; missionary and charitable contributions—to the Christian Knowledge Society, \$13.

The rite of confirmation has not been held in St. John's Parish, since the meeting of the last Convention. Several collections have been made in aid of charities connected with the Church, to the amount of \$175, or more; but it is deemed unnecessary to enumerate them, as there is no canon requiring collections other than that for the Christian Knowledge Society. Although the number of communicants added the last year is smaller than that of former years, yet the Rector is encouraged to hope that there is an increase of personal holiness on the part of the members of the communion of his Parish, and that the purposes of his Ministry in this portion of the Lord's vineyard, is to a considerable extent accomplished. If an increased attention to the services of the sanctuary, and an apparent growing attachment to the Church, afford evidence that his Ministry is blessed of God, he has that evidence. The demand for pews continues to be greater than the supply, and the Parish have now in contemplation the erection of a new Church, at a cost of six thousand dollars. A subscription has been put in circulation, and more than one half of the amount has been obtained.

#### ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MONROE.

REV. RODNEY ROSEITER, RECTOR.

Families, 50; baptisms—infants, 2; communicants—added, anew, 2, lost, by death, 2, present number, 61; marriages, 11; burials, 3, to these may be added, four not belonging to the Episcopal Parish; Sunday School—teachers, 9, scholars, 56; missionary and charitable contributions, \$40: Domestic Missions, \$21.35; Foreign Missions, \$14.65; Christian Knowledge Society, \$4.

Very little change has taken place in this Parish since the last Convention. Though nothing particularly favourable can be said of the spiritual condition, yet the Parish is favoured with general harmony.

### CHRIST CHURCH, WESTPORT.

REV. E. INGERSOLL, RECTOR.

Families, 63; baptisms—infants, 12, adults, 3; communicants—added, by removals, 3, anew, 6, lost, by death, 2, removal, 1, whole number, 57; marriages, 4; burials, 12; Sunday School—teachers, 18, scholars, 70.

### CHRIST CHURCH, STRATFORD.

REV. G. C. SHEPARD.

As arrangements were made for my leaving the Parish, and I left after Easter, to be absent two years, the following report includes only that portion of time which elapsed between the last Convention and Easter.

Though nothing of special interest in religion has been at any time during the year manifest in the Parish, still there has been a pleasing increased attention to the ordinary means of grace. Our congregations have been large, and the people, apparently devout, have listened with seriousness to the preached word. In efforts for others less favoured than themselves, they have shown that they value the Gospel, and would do something to obey the command of the Saviour, when he said, "preach the Gospel to every creature."

There have been baptisms—infants, 24, adult, 1, in all, 25; marriages, 3; funerals, 9; contributions, (principally to our General Missionary Society,) \$253.32.

### TRINITY CHURCH, FAIRFIELD.

REV. N. E. CORNWALL, RECTOR.

Families, 85; baptisms—infants, 7; communicants—added, by removals, 2, anew, 5, lost, by death, 3, present number, 121; marriages, 2; burials, 5; Sunday School—teachers, 11, scholars, 70; missionary and charitable contributions, \$60.

This Parish is in a prosperous condition. Although there has not been, during the past year, any peculiar attention to religion, nor any unusual manifestation of the power of the Gospel among us, yet the Pastor humbly trusts, that the people of his charge are experiencing, under the continual dew of the Divine blessing, a growth in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord. The regular services of the Lord's day have been well attended, as well as the extra lectures in Lent, and the appointed continuous services of Passion Week and the Easter Festival; the solemn observance of which the Rector has repeatedly found an evidently effectual means of increasing the seriousness, and deepening the devotion of many of his people. These services have frequently been attended by Christians of other denominations, who are thus brought to notice carefully some of our peculiarities, while they are presented in such a way as to disarm the candid mind of unreasonable prejudices and misapprehensions.

The Rector of this Parish cannot do justice to his own feelings, nor to the character of his parishioners, without bearing testimony to the exemplary and unceasing punctuality and kindness with which they have more than met all their engagements to him, during a period of nearly five years. He deems this worthy of notice here, because he believes that the present prosperity of the Parish is owing, in a good measure, to the cultivation of this spirit of promptness and liberality, which will ever be essential to the prosperity of any Parish, so long as God requires men "to do justly, and to love mercy."

### ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, RIDGEFIELD.

REV. JOSEPH H. NICHOLS, OFFICIATING MINISTER.

Families, 66; baptisms—infants, 7, adult, 1; communicants—added, by removals, 2, anew, 1, lost, by removals, 4, present number, 106; marriages, 4; burials, 2.



The preceding is the record left by the Rev. Eli Wheeler, who resigned the Rectorship of this Parish, much to the regret of the congregation, on the 31st of March last. I took the temporary charge of this Church, on the 28th of April, and expect to continue in the same until the arrival of the Rev. Warner Hoyt, the Rector elect, from Maryland. I have attended the funeral of one child, and have recently organized the Sunday School, which now consists of 10 teachers and 50 scholars. The Church offerings amount to \$16.33.

The members of this congregation have set a laudable example to many other and wealthier Parishes in this Diocese, in their efforts to procure a comfortable and permanent residence for their Clergyman. A neat and commodious parsonage is now in progress of building, and will be completed by autumn.

#### ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, HUNTINGTON.

REV. FOSTER THAYER, RECTOR.

The Rector assumed the charge of the Parish on the 20th of May. Owing to the sudden bereavement of a venerated parent, I have been absent about ten days, and I have not been able to ascertain particulars in reference to the condition of the Parish. The attendance upon Divine service is good, and steadily increasing. The town, like many others in the State, has suffered from emigration, and there has been a proportionable decrease in the number of families of this ancient Church. Though it has been exposed to severe trials, the present members are ready to do what they can for the promotion of Apostolic order and purity. A vigorous effort is now making to paint the Church edifice, and we hope to have it accomplished in October. The gleanings of the vine are few, but mellow, and I trust will long beautify the garden of the Lord.

#### ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, WILTON.

REV. A. NICHOLS, LATE RECTOR.

I officiated in this Parish from July 15th, 1838, to April 1st, 1839. The number of families, 40; baptism, 1; communicants, 40; marriages, 3; burials, 4; Sunday School—teachers, 10, scholars, 50; no contribution, except for the defraying of Parish expenses, has been made.

#### TRINITY CHURCH, NEWTOWN.

REV. S. C. STRATTON, RECTOR.

Families, 190; baptisms—infants, 9, adults, 4; confirmed, 8; communicants—added, anew, 8, lost, by death, 5, removals, 3, present number, 177; marriages, 14; burials, 23; Sunday School—teachers, 33, scholars, 176, in the course of the season there will be probably 200; number of volumes in the Sunday School Library, six hundred; number of volumes in the Adult Library, two hundred and seventy; Bible class, 5, number of members, 152; missionary and charitable contributions, \$239.71: to the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, \$26; to the General Missionary Society—for Foreign Missions, 15, for Domestic Missions, \$40; to the American Colonization Society, \$8.18; to the American Tract Society, for foreign distribution, \$15; to St. Paul's Church, Woodbury, Connecticut, \$109; to remaining contributions, \$26.53. Cash paid for books to increase our libraries since the last report, \$56.09; amount of the offerings of the Church for one year up to last March, \$170.67½.

I have little to add to the above statement, except that my congregation is united and prosperous in its spiritual and temporal affairs. In the course of the past year, in addition to my other labours, I have frequently performed divine service and preached in the congregation of St. James', Zoar. That Parish has not yet consummated its reunion with us, as intimated in the last report, though it is still contemplated. I greatly regret that my present indis-

position will most probably lessen my ability in future, to meet the demand for services of my increasing charge.

The Parish adopted this spring, at my suggestion, the plan of renting the pews, and they were accordingly disposed of on very advantageous terms. It was resolved also, to put a new roof on the Church during the present season, and I cherish the hope that ere long the whole interior of the Church will be remodeled and fitted up, according to the most improved style of Church architecture.

# **ST. JAMES' CHURCH, DANBURY, AND ST. THOMAS' CHAPEL, BETHEL.**

REV. D. H. SHORT, RECTOR.

Families, 91; baptisms—infants, 14, adults, 5; confirmed, 2; communicants—added, by removals, 2, anew, 4, lost, by death, 2, removals, 7, whole number, 68; marriages, 3; burials, 11; Sunday School—teachers, 17, scholars, 78; missionary and charitable contributions, \$29.97: to the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, \$22.69.

From the time of the last Convention, up to the first Sunday after Easter, my services were divided between St. Paul's Church, Brookfield, and the Parish of St. James' Church, Danbury, and St. Thomas' Chapel, Bethel. Since the last Convention, I have baptized 25 persons: 17 infants and 8 adults; 19 of these belonged to Danbury, 14 infants and 5 adults, and the remaining, 3 infants and 3 adults, to Brookfield. Notwithstanding the opposition to infant baptism, by the sects within my cure, the number of infants baptized the past year is greater than during any previous year of my ministry. This indicates a return to a more healthful state of the Church; to a belief of the Scripture doctrine, and to the practice of the primitive Church. Still there are not less than fifty children of my congregation, under fourteen years of age, remaining unbaptized.

At Brookfield, at two visitations of the Bishop, I presented 14 candidates for confirmation, two of which were from Danbury. To the Holy Communion, I have admitted 10 persons—6 in Brookfield and 4 in Danbury. I have solemnized 6 marriages, 3 in Danbury, 1 in Brookfield, and 2 in Newtown, at the request of the Rector. I have attended 15 funerals, 5 in Brookfield, and 10 in Danbury; and 1, the funeral of a member of my own family, was attended by the Rev. Mr. Stratton, of Newtown, making 11 deaths in the Parish of Danbury.

Since leaving Brookfield, my services have been exclusively devoted to the Church and the Chapel, over which I was instituted. Notwithstanding the serious pecuniary embarrassment, and the many extraneous difficulties under which this Church at the last Convention was labouring, the present condition of the Parish is truly encouraging. The Parish is now free from debt. And in addition to subscribing the Rector's salary wholly in advance, a new bell has been purchased for the Chapel, at an expense of \$180, and the Chapel, surrounded by a handsome yard, has been enclosed with a neat and durable fence. The number of communicants reported, is less than that of last year. This is owing to an unusually large number of removals. The removal of one family, that of a man who for many years had been the Senior Warden of the Church, deprived the Parish of three communicants at one time. But the increase of attendants, both at the Church and Chapel, has of late been considerable. The report exhibits, over and above the removals, an increase of 17 families. These, however, have not all been added during the year just past. Many of them have attended for a considerable time, but not having been educated in the Church, it was not known whether they were sufficiently attached to the doctrines, worship, and ministry of the Church, to be accounted as belonging to the Parish. But the firm adherence of these families to the Church during two years of adversity, gives us confidence to believe that they are now so firmly attached as never to forsake it. In a word, it is thought, that the Parish has never been, since my connection with it, in a more healthful and prosperous condition.

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BROOKFIELD.

REV. D. H. SHORT, RECTOR.

Baptisms—infants, 4, adults, 3; communicants—added, anew, 6, lost, by death, 2, whole number, 77; marriages, 2; burial, 1; missionary and charitable contributions, \$22.41; to the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, \$12.53.

## CHRIST CHURCH, TRUMBULL.

REV. D. G. TOMLINSON, RECTOR.

Families, 80; baptisms—infants, 8; communicants—added, anew, 5, by removals, 4, died or removed, 2, present number, 78; confirmations, 4; marriages, 3; burials, 9; Sunday School—teachers, 9, scholars, 70; Bible class, 25; monthly offerings of the Church, \$40.84.

A better state of things, in many respects, seems to exist in this Parish than we have been able to report for two or three years. The Parish is now engaged in erecting a new Church edifice at Long Hill, three miles from the old Church, which is expected to be completed the ensuing fall. The design in erecting a new Church is to accommodate the part of the Parish at Long Hill. When occupied, services will be alternately one half of the time in each Church. Our Sunday School was, perhaps, never in a more flourishing condition. This is encouraging, and is a promise of good. But to reverse the picture, we have to meet the discouragements arising from want of deep, growing, practical piety, in the mass of our congregation; from the neglect on the part of many parents to maintain that family religion and instruction they ought, and from the neglect to bring their children to be baptized. We cannot altogether say that the ministration of the Gospel among us are of none effect. But still, a reference to the small number added to the communion the past year will show, that, to a large extent, the desponding language of the Prophet is applicable to us: "Who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

## ST. MARK'S CHURCH, NEW CANAAN.

REV. DAVID OGDEN, RECTOR.

Families, 55; baptisms—infants, 15, adult, 1; communicants—added, by removals, 8, lost, by death, 3, removals, 4, present number, 65; marriages, 3; burials, 13; Sunday School—teachers, 10, scholars, 48; missionary and charitable contributions, \$18.

The temporal condition of the Parish for the past year has been prosperous, though not much can be said in reference to its spiritual advancement. For a Connecticut village, New Canaan is rapidly increasing in size, wealth, and population. There are ample materials here for the continued growth of the Church, and I cannot but express my belief, that ere long, under the influence of the stated services and all the means of grace, the congregation will become permanently strong and prosperous. As it is, there are probably few Parishes which are making nobler exertions for the support of the Gospel.

## CHRIST CHURCH, GREENWICH.

REV. BENJAMIN M. YARRINGTON, RECTOR.

The charge of this Parish was committed to me in April last, since which time there have been added, families, 2; baptisms—infants, 4; burial, 1. A collection was made May 26th, in favour of Collinsville and parts adjacent, in Illinois, \$52.51.

Previous to April there were recorded during the past year, by my predecessor, Rev. Joseph H. Nichols, baptisms—infants 2; marriages, 2; burials, 2.

The Sunday School has been resumed, and is well attended.

The Ladies' Sewing Society is still sustained with equal zeal and efficiency. The funds so raised are judiciously applied to local purposes.

Besides the usual services on Sunday, at my own Church, I have preached two Sunday evenings in the remote regions of the Parish. A Methodist Church in the neighbourhood of Glenville has been kindly offered, where I expect to officiate at least every other Sunday evening during the season.

#### CHRIST CHURCH, READING.

REV. C. J. TODD, RECTOR.

Families, 55; baptisms—infants, 4; communicants—added, 1, present number, 33; marriages, 2; burials, 8; Sunday School—teachers, 14, scholars, 60; missionary and charitable contributions, \$30.

#### — CHURCH, WESTON.

REV. C. J. TODD, RECTOR.

Families, 30; marriage, 1; burials, 2; Sunday School—teachers, 8, scholars, 30.

#### ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, LITCHFIELD.

REV. WM. PAYNE, RECTOR.

Families, 90; baptisms—infants, 5, adult, 1; communicants—added, by removals, 7, anew, 3, lost, by death, 2, by removals, 2; marriages, 5; burials, 10; Sunday School—teachers, 12, scholars, 80; missionary and charitable contributions—by the Young Ladies' Sewing Circle, to the African Mission, \$60; collected at a county meeting of the Clergy and divided between the Foreign and Domestic Missions, \$25; monthly offerings, yet unappropriated, \$42.50—total, \$127.50.

I have had charge of this Parish since the 22d of last July, for which period alone the above report is made. A Bible class was held during the winter, when the members studied and wrote upon the Collects, Epistles, and Gospels; but it has been discontinued for the summer months. Besides performing the usual Sunday services, it has been my plan to observe the Festivals and Fasts, as appointed by the Church, and to improve them to the instruction and spiritual good of my people. A number of persons were expecting to receive the rite of Confirmation, and after that to partake of the Communion; but being prevented from receiving the imposition of the Bishop's hands, who was unable to keep his late appointment, on account of sickness, they have not as yet become communicants. There is no unusual degree of religious sensibility among us, but a manifest improvement in many respects. I would especially express my gratitude to Almighty God for having made me the instrument of establishing harmony and peace in the Parish, on what appears to me to be a correct and permanent basis. The congregation has very much increased, a spirit of encouragement and animation prevails; and efforts have been made and are now in progress for improving and beautifying our house of worship. May the great Head of the Church continue to bless us in our external condition, and above all, visit us with spiritual blessings for his glory!

#### ST. PETER'S CHURCH, PLYMOUTH.

REV. WM. WATSON, RECTOR.

Families, 105, increase, 5; baptisms—infants, 17; confirmed, 29; communicants—added, by removal, 1, anew, 33, lost, by death, 3, removals, 5, present number, 176; marriages, 3; burials, 8; Sunday School—teachers, 24, scholars, 115; Bible class, 73; missionary and charitable contributions—to aid a feeble Parish in our neighbourhood, \$30; to the Christian Knowledge Society, \$33.81; to General Theological Seminary, \$10; to the Church Scholarship Society, \$100; to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, \$70; collec-

tions on hand unappropriated, \$68.83—total, for objects without the Parish, \$312.64.

Further, I report, that a weekly Lent lecture, made daily in Passion Week, was sustained throughout the season, with, it is believed, decidedly beneficial effects. Other special occasions, to which the Church calls attention from time to time, have likewise been observed; and when the Minister has not been occupied with these, he has held weekly lectures in remote parts of the Parish.

The foregoing statistics show that we are increasing in numbers, both as a Parish and as a professing Church; and that our contributions for the up-building of Zion, which, in the increase of their measure indicate, I hope, our growth in genuine charity, are becoming more and more abundant; and to these evidences of our prosperity, I may add, that never has there been a fuller attendance on the ordinary services of the sanctuary; and never more of an obedient and humble seeking for grace through the divinely constituted channels, than at present; while those of our number who name themselves of Christ are, as a body, honouring their profession by the manifestation of those holy tempers, and that blameless life, which are the only sure evidences of Christian character. It is with devout gratitude to the Giver of all good that these acknowledgments of his favour to us are made.

### CHRIST CHURCH, WATERTOWN.

REV. NATHANIEL S. RICHARDSON, RECTOR.

Families, 112; baptisms—infants, 14, adults, 4; confirmed, 19; communicants—added, by removals, 6, anew, 21, lost, by death, 3, removals, 3; present number, 131; marriages, 11; burials, 11; Sunday School—teachers, 24, scholars, 170; Bible class, 50; missionary and charitable contributions—for missionary purposes, \$121.41; by ladies, for objects within the Parish, \$60—total, \$181.41.

This report of the Parish comprises the entire year. The baptism of 10 infants and 1 adult, the confirmations, 2 marriages and 3 burials, are reported for the Rev. Dr. Holcomb, and at his request.

My labours in this Parish commenced the Sunday after my ordination, July 15, the fifth Sunday after Trinity, and my connection with them as their Minister and Rector elect, on the 26th of November last, and immediately after the resignation of the Rev. Dr. Holcomb, a step taken by him, at the sacrifice of the most cordial sympathies—sympathies, strengthened by a happy pastoral relation, of more than twenty-four years.

Besides the regular services of the Lord's day, a weekly lecture, with some interruptions, has been sustained in various parts of the Parish. A meeting of the Sunday School teachers is held every other Saturday evening. A Bible class, on Sunday evenings, promises to exert a happy influence. During the season of Lent, and also during Passion Week, the appointed services of the Church were observed, and they evidently proved, that "it is not a vain thing to call on the name of the Lord." A considerable number are in readiness to receive the rite of Confirmation. A Ladies' Charitable Association, mostly for domestic charities, is in a flourishing condition.

The plan of monthly offerings, is in successful operation.

On the whole, there is reason to believe, that through the blessings of a covenant God, this Parish is steadily advancing in numbers, in ability, in moral strength, and in a willingness heartily to engage in every good word and work.

### ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WOODBURY.

REV. SOLOMON G. HITCHCOCK, OFFICIATING MINISTER.

Families, 57; baptisms—infants, 14, adults, 8; communicants—added, by removals, 3, anew, 4, lost, by death, 1, removals, 3, present number, 42; marriages, 2; burials, 9; Sunday School—teachers, 8, scholars, 54; missionary

and charitable contributions, \$33.31 ; numbers of the Chronicle of the Church taken in the Parish, 26.

During the last year, much has been done by the members of this declining Parish, to save themselves from embarrassment and ruin. Within the last two years, upwards of \$3000 have been contributed by its members, to relieve themselves from former debts, to increase the amount of their clerical services, and provide for the permanent residence of a Clergyman, by the erection of a parsonage. Two objects of still further importance to the welfare and interests of the Parish are now engaging their attention ; one of which is, to secure the entire services of a Clergyman, the other to preserve their house of worship from going to decay, by making immediate repairs upon it. To obtain the former of these, viz. : the entire services of a Clergyman, \$300 have been contributed by the Parishes of Newtown, Bridgeport, and Norwalk, including some benevolent individuals in Westport, the interest of which is to be appropriated annually to that purpose. But as this will not be sufficient to meet the increased expenditure, some additional aid from the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge has been promised, and if obtained, will enable the Parish to succeed in the object of their wishes. Towards defraying the expense of repairing the Church, much has been done by the members of the Ladies' Sewing Society, and by the proceeds of their fair, which amounted to the handsome sum of \$168. A donation of \$50 has also been received from an individual, formerly a member of the Parish, but now a merchant in the city of New York, and so soon as the remainder of the funds necessary for the accomplishment of the object can be obtained, the work will be entered upon without delay, and the project be carried into immediate execution.

We have reason to be thankful to the Being from whom "all holy desires, good counsels, and just works proceed," that he has put it into the hearts of his people both within and out of the Parish, to contribute so liberally for the support of divine institutions and means of grace ; and yet as the gift of God is not purchased with money, but is conferred freely in answer to the devout supplications of his people, we hope that their *prayers*, both public and private, will go up with their benevolent contributions as a memorial before God, and invoke for us the aid of his Holy Spirit, without which the wastes and desolations of our Zion can never be effectually repaired, nor the state of religion among our people be materially improved.

In connection with the above, it will be necessary to add some brief notice with reference to the Parish of

#### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WASHINGTON.

During the past year this Parish has continued its connection with the Parish of St. Paul's Church, Woodbury, and shared the one fourth part of its clerical services.

The number of families in this Parish, is 23, added since last report, 3, lost, by removal, 1 ; marriage, 1 ; burial, 1 ; subscribers to the Chronicle of the Church, 7.

The prospects of this Parish are, upon the whole, encouraging. The public services on the Lord's day occurring but occasionally, and at far distant intervals, have been productive of more substantial benefit than might naturally have been expected, and the manifest desire on the part of the people to derive improvement from these services, by their punctual and devout attendance at the sanctuary ; the kindness and attention with which their Minister in the discharge of his pastoral duties has been welcomed to their habitations, and the promptness with which his pecuniary demands upon them have been met, will be long remembered and gratefully acknowledged.

So soon as the arrangements which are now making for the undivided services of a Clergyman in Woodbury, and the proposed plan of connecting the Parishes of St. John's Church, Washington, and St. Andrew's Church, New Preston, into one parochial cure, shall have been carried into effect, the services of its present officiating Minister will be discontinued, and the pastoral charge of it be transferred to the Minister who shall hereafter reside at New Preston.

**TRINITY CHURCH, NORTHFIELD.**

REV. T. W. SNOW, LATE RECTOR.

Families, 26; baptisms—infants, 4, confirmed, 2; communicants—added, anew, 2, lost, by death, or removals, 7; marriage, 1; burials, 3; missionary and charitable contributions—for missions, \$33; for other purposes, \$40—total, \$73.

Although this Parish has suffered much during the past year by deaths and removals, their ability to support the ministrations of the Church is but slightly decreased, and their inclination to continue them is the same as it has always been.

**CHRIST CHURCH, BETHLEM.**

REV. T. W. SNOW, LATE RECTOR.

Families, 35; communicants—added, by removals, 2, anew, 11; marriage, 1; missionary and charitable contributions—for missions, \$25; for other purposes, \$30—total, \$55.

In resigning the charge of this Parish, I have reason to be thankful, that without any exaggeration it may be said, that it is rapidly advancing, both in external and internal prosperity. There is a strong disposition on the part of the people to secure the services of a Minister for the whole time, and it is believed, that at no distant period there will be a firmly established and efficient Church in this place.

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, NEW MILFORD.**

REV. E. HUNTINGTON, RECTOR.

The prospects of this Church still continue encouraging. The attendance on the ministrations of the sanctuary is increasing. The pews in our new Church sold at Easter for a sum sufficient to sustain the services of the Church uninterruptedly on every Lord's day. Twelve have been added recently to the number of those who go to the Table of the Lord. I have attended 16 to the grave with the last offices of religion. I have united 18 couples in holy matrimony. Our Sunday School consists of about 120 scholars. We have contributed \$50 to domestic missions, through the General Missionary Society of the Church, and \$20 through the Diocesan Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge.

**ST. MARK'S CHURCH, BRIDGEWATER.**

REV. E. HUNTINGTON, LATE RECTOR.

This Parish, up to Easter, had one third of my services for a year. I have now resigned the charge of it. There is a Sunday School connected with it of about 50 scholars. The baptisms were, infants, 6. The prospects of the Parish are good. The attendance on the Lord's day is full: 2 communicants have been added; 6 marriages have been celebrated. A resident Clergyman would here find an affectionate and spirited congregation.

**ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PRESTON.**

REV. HENRY BEERS SHERMAN, LATE MINISTER.

Families, 56; baptisms—infants, (by the Rev. Dr. Wheaton,) 2; communicants—deceased, 3, present number, 47; marriages, 3; burials, 10; missionary and charitable contributions, \$15.89.

My temporary connection with this Parish began with the past conventional year, and terminated at Easter. During this interval I have officiated five Sundays in the vacant Parishes of Roxbury and Kent; the remaining portion

being devoted to my parochial charge. I likewise officiated in New Milford on the first Sunday after Easter, where I buried a child of the Rev. Mr. Huntington.

### ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, PLYMOUTH.

REV. F. B. WOODWARD, RECTOR.

Families, 45; baptism—infant, 1; communicants—added, anew, 3, lost, by death, 1, removals, 6; burials, 2; Sunday School—teachers, 14, scholars, 60; Bible class, 20.

I have officiated in this Parish since the 11th of November last. The sacrifices which this people are making in order that the Gospel may be preached, and the services of the Church performed every Sabbath, are such as manifest their attachment to the Church and their desire to "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." "The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself." It is to be hoped, that the *last great day* will decide that their labour has not been in vain.

### UNION CHURCH, HITCHCOCKSVILLE.

REV. SILAS BLAISDALE, MINISTER.

Number of communicants, 12, one died, and one removed during the past year. The number of contributors to the support of the Gospel in the Church, forty-five.

The present officiating Minister has been in the Parish but a few weeks; and can only say, that with God's blessing he hopes to be useful to the people of his charge.

### CHRIST CHURCH, WATERTOWN.

REV. F. HOLCOMB, D. D., LATE RECTOR.

For the present state of this interesting Parish, and most of the clerical acts performed in it during the past year, I must refer to the report of my successor, the Rev. Nathaniel S. Richardson. That gentleman acted as my assistant in the Parish, and performed most of the duties, from the 15th of last July to the 12th of November following, when I resigned the parochial charge, and he was immediately and unanimously elected to succeed me. Thus is terminated a long and happy connection between myself and this growing Parish; a connection, which seems to have been blest of God with some temporal prosperity, and a yet more abundant measure of that grace, without which nothing is strong, nothing holy. May the divine blessing still attend the labours of him who is now over that people in the Lord.

During that portion of the last summer in which I was assisted by my Rev. brother at Watertown, I visited, by request, the vacant Parishes of Roxbury and East Plymouth. At Roxbury I preached two Sundays, administered the holy Communion once, baptized three children, and called on most of the families at their homes. My opinion was, that with the same exertion used in many other small Parishes, they might secure the services of a Minister at least one half of the time.

In East Plymouth I also preached two Sundays, administered the holy communion once, and baptized two children. This Parish was then destitute of any regular and stated ministrations, knowing not how they were to obtain either a Minister or the means of support. Soon after, however, a praise-worthy effort on their part, was crowned with such success, that they are now happily in the enjoyment of both. Such examples are of much worth, and may this one encourage others in a similar condition, "to go and do likewise."

Early in November last, I visited the town of Harwinton, where was once an Episcopal congregation, and a Church edifice. Adverse circumstances connected with their situation more than twenty years since, led to the decline, and



ultimately, to the extinction of a once prosperous Parish in that place. It is now several years since their Church was demolished, and such was the defect in their first organization, or perhaps their fault in neglecting to preserve Parish records, that few or no traces either of a duly organized Parish, or even of their subsequent business transactions, are now to be found. It will then surely be believed, that such a Parish, if indeed it ever existed, has become extinct. Such is the fact, however, in this instance, and that in a place which once enjoyed the residence, and the yet remembered ministrations of a man who was afterwards promoted to the Episcopate, and is now no other than the venerable Bishop of the Eastern Diocese, whose praise is in all the Churches.

A Parish and a people once dear to him, some of whom with their children still remain to tell the sad story, and to weep over their present desolations, have thus been lost, I had almost said in more senses than one; lost to the Church in this Diocese, and lost within themselves to those blessings of a preached Gospel, which might contribute alike to their temporal comfort and their eternal peace. There are remaining of the former Parish some ten or twelve families, with nearly as many others, more recently settled in the town, and who would be expected to join them, could they succeed in erecting a building for their accommodation. I have hoped and prayed that they might be successful in their endeavours; further than this I would not venture to predict. It has been my object during the past winter, and up to the present time, under the direction and with the advice of the Bishop, if possible to revive this decayed Parish, and to build up this waste; an object for which I have not ceased to labour, nor to pray. And I am now happy in being able to say that there is some prospect of ultimate success; although we have much in the practical details of this business to teach us, that "except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain who build it."

Baptized one infant.

#### TRINITY CHURCH, MILTON.

REV. H. BRYANT, OFFICIATING MINISTER.

Families, 37; communicants, 54—added, the past year, from the congregation, 4; baptisms—infants, 2; marriages, 3; burials, 3.

I have officiated at Bradleyville half of the time. This Parish contains, families, 23; communicants, 37—added, the past year, from the congregation, 2; baptisms—3 adults, who will come forward to the communion the first opportunity; marriages, 4; burials, 3. There is an interesting and increasing Sunday School in both Parishes—average attendance, about 40 each. I have had charge of these Parishes two years, and though during the time the number added to the communion has not been great, I have had encouraging evidence that my labour has not been in vain. The congregations have been gradually increasing, and their prospects were never better than at present.

#### CHRIST CHURCH, MIDDLETOWN.

REV. S. FARMAR JARVIS, RECTOR.

The Rector delivered his second Annual Address at the Easter Parish meeting, in which he laid before his parishioners a brief statement of his ministrations, and of the prosperous and adverse events, which had happened to the Parish from Easter, 1838, to Easter, 1839. Such addresses constitute a history of the Parish; and being preserved from year to year, and transmitted from one Rector to another, will constitute the annals of the Parish. An abstract of that address is now presented to the Bishop.

With the exception of his necessary absence as a member of the Board of Missions, and Trustee of the General Theological Seminary, the Rector's ministrations in his Parish have been very constant. Through the Divine mercy his health has been preserved; and though suffering under severe affliction, he has been enabled constantly to meet his beloved flock within the

courts of our Almighty Lord and Master. One evening in the week has been devoted to conversation on religious subjects with the younger male members of his Parish; and during Lent he gave a course of public lectures on Wednesday and Friday evenings, on St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans. These lectures were well attended; and he had reason, like that great Apostle, to thank God and take courage.

The number of families has not materially changed, being, as last year, about eighty; on the formation of a new sect in Middletown, a few of the families who held its tenets, but who had attended Church, left it and joined those whose views and feelings were more consonant with their own than ours can be. However much we may regret that any who profess and call themselves Christians, should swerve from the faith and violate the unity of the Church, the secession of such should occasion for ourselves neither surprise nor sorrow. We may say with the Apostle St. John, "They went out from us, for they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us." In the place of these, others have come in; so that the congregation has been in no wise diminished; nor has the Parish ever been more united than it is at the present moment.

The baptisms for the year ending at Easter have been three adults and fifteen children. Two of the adults were subsequently admitted to Communion. One of them has since departed this life, and is now, we trust, enjoying in the world of spirits that communion with her God and Saviour, of which communion on earth is only a shadow.

On Whitsunday, 1838, fourteen persons were Confirmed; since which time no confirmation has been administered. They were already communicants, or soon after became so. Hitherto the Rector has not brought forward many young persons to receive that holy rite. He has been anxious to build securely. At Easter, 1839, ten communicants had been added and two returned; nine had removed and four died. The whole number remaining was therefore, 75; one less than at Easter, 1838.

Five marriages have been solemnized. Three of these were not of persons belonging to the Parish. The other two have occasioned the removal of two members of the Parish, one of whom was a communicant.

The whole number of adults who have departed this life have been five, and no children.

The Sunday School is very prosperous. Ten male and seventeen female catechists have been unwearied in their labours of love. The present number of catechumens in actual attendance is thirty-one boys and fifty-three girls. The public examinations during the Sundays in Lent, exhibited to the congregation the ardour with which their children entered into the comparison of the doctrines of the Church with the word of God. The Rector superintends the school in person, being assisted by the Junior Warden and a female communicant, as superintendents under him. The children are examined by him, in the way of familiar question and answer. The Bible and Prayer Book are united; and they are constantly required to find Scripture authorities for the practice and discipline of the Church. The readiness of their answers, and the familiarity with which they turn from the New Testament to the Old, or from the Old to the New, in illustration of Christian doctrine or practice, has surprised and edified many adult members of our communion.

The missionary and charitable collections from Easter, 1838, to Easter, 1839, in the congregation, have been as follows:

For the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, \$47.80; Domestic and Foreign Missions, \$32; Church Scholarship Society, \$10; for the benefit of the Sunday School, 59.91—total, \$149.71.

The Sunday School has contributed during the year preceding the present Convention—for the Mission to Crete, \$2.50; to Africa, \$2.50; missions under the jurisdiction of Bishop Polk, \$3; Church Scholarship Society, \$3.50; Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, included in the sum now to be paid to the Treasurer at the Convention, \$2—total, \$13.50.

The Parish have also paid the voluntary assessment, mentioned p. 38, of Journal, 1838, and the assessments for the Bishop's fund and the Convention

fund, \$3; the additional sum for the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, paid to the Treasurer at this Convention, amounts to \$28.07.

#### ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, EAST HADDAM.

REV. CHARLES WILLIAM BRADLEY, RECTOR.

Families, 65; baptism—infant, 1; communicants—lost, by removal, 8, death, 1, present number, 55; marriages, 3; burials, 5; Sunday School—teachers, 16, scholars, 58; doctrinal class, 25.

The Rector began his work here on the 10th February last, since which time the congregation has much increased. There is also a spirit of liberality on the part of the worshipers more noble than is usually found in a society of no greater wealth than St. Stephen's. The gross amount of funds raised the present year, for clerical services and other expenses, exceeds \$1000. Within the last two months the Parish has procured a Church bell, (principally by the generosity of friends in New York,) and a very beautiful and richly toned organ, with swell. In most respects, the condition of the society is uncommonly prosperous.

#### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ESSEX.

REV. THOMAS H. VAIL, RECTOR.

At the last annual Convention this Parish was under the ministerial charge of the Rev. James M. Tappan, who deceased during the late spring. He is buried in Essex, where his Christian piety and pastoral devotedness are very fondly and respectfully remembered by his late parishioners, and also by that community at large.

The present Rector having but recently taken the care of this Church, has collected from the Parochial Register the following report:

Families, 30; communicants, 38; marriage, 1; burials, 3; Sunday School—teachers, 12, scholars, 50; contributions to the Christian Knowledge Society, \$4.25.

#### GRACE CHURCH, SAYBROOK.

REV. WM. WARLAND, RECTOR.

Families, 30; baptisms—infants, 3; confirmed, 2, communicants—added, by removal, 1, anew, 2, lost, by removals, 3; marriage, 1; burials, 2; Sunday School—teachers, 7, scholars, 35; Bible class, 12; missionary and charitable contributions, \$44.45.

#### CHRIST CHURCH, MIDDLE HADDAM.

REV. GEO. A. STERLING, RECTOR.

This Parish numbers about the same as in past years. Upon entering upon this scene of my labours about a year since, I found the field small. In the mean time, the Church building has been much improved, fitted up within, in very pleasant style, and the people (I believe) considerably advanced in spiritual life—many a bud and a blossom promise fair to yield an abundant harvest.

#### CHRIST CHURCH, NORWICH.

REV. S. B. PADDOCK, RECTOR.

Families, 140; baptisms—infants, 19, adults, 2; communicants—added, 14, died, or removed, 15, present number, 142; marriages, 8; funerals, 6; Sunday School—teachers, 30, scholars, 140; missionary and charitable contributions, \$228.56.

Notwithstanding the constant changes in this Church, occasioned by removals, the Rector has the happiness to report that it still continues in a prosperous state, its gains being fully equal to its losses. The pews are all taken up,

and ordinarily well filled with apparently devout worshipers. Weekly lectures have been continued through the year, as usual, and a more than ordinary degree of interest appears to have existed since the Lenten season. The Rector is encouraged to hope, as well from the present appearances, as from the word of God, that the seed which has been sown will take root downward and bear fruit upward. Confirmation has not been administered in the Parish the past year, but a number are waiting to receive that holy rite.

#### ST. JAMES' CHURCH, NEW LONDON.

REV. R. A. HALLAM, RECTOR.

Families, 73; baptisms—infants, 3, adults, 2; communicants—added, by removals, 6, anew, 5, lost, by removals, 3, by death, 2, present number, 87; marriages, 2; burials, 16; Sunday School—teachers, 16, scholars, 80; missionary and charitable contributions—Christian Knowledge Society, \$31.22; General Missionary Society, \$72.11; General Theological Seminary, \$30; Church Scholarship Society, \$21.19; Pomfret, \$21.25; Salem, \$25—total, \$200.67.

The past year has wrought no material changes in the condition of this Parish. Yet it would be ungrateful not to acknowledge "the good hand of God upon us," in the growing prosperity of its temporal affairs, and in "some tokens for good" which he has shown us in "the things of the spirit;" so that it becomes us, in concluding this annual report, to "thank God and take courage."

#### CHRIST CHURCH, SALEM.

REV. JOHN W. WOODWARD, RECTOR.

Since my last report to the Convention, (1837,) I have baptized 6 adults and 4 children; solemnized 2 marriages; presented 25 candidates to Bishop Brownell for confirmation, and attended 9 funerals.

Rev. Silas Blaisdale, my predecessor in Christ Church, Salem, resigned his charge there, on Easter Sunday; he requested me to report for him the baptism of 2 infants in said Church last year.

April 7th, the 1st Sunday after Easter, I commenced my clerical labours in said Church. May 5th, the 5th Sunday after Easter, I organized a Sunday School in said Parish, which has already increased to 50 scholars, and 15 teachers, 12 females and 3 males.

Although the Parish is very small and exceeding weak, yet its worthy members are very anxious to have their Church opened every Lord's day, for divine service and preaching. Two influential families have moved out of the Parish, and 10 families have been added—present number, 30.

Although the Salem congregation is not able to defray its present expenses, yet we are in hopes the day is not far distant, when the great Head of the Church will smile upon it, in adding such numbers to its bosom, as to enable it so to do.

#### ST. JAMES' CHURCH, POQUETONNUCK.

REV. DEXTER POTTER, RECTOR.

Communicants, 25; baptism—infant, 1. I commenced my services in this Parish, on the 7th of April last. The Parish has been for some time previous without a Minister, and as a consequence, has suffered for the want of the regular ministrations of the sanctuary.

Since my connection with the Parish, we have organized a Sunday School, which is now flourishing; and in addition to the regular services of the Sabbath, have commenced weekly lectures, to strengthen the religious influence of the Church, and by the blessing of God, to add unto it of such as shall be saved. There are two other points near this Parish, where I intend to preach occasionally, for the purpose of making myself useful to the people generally, and gathering into the fold those that are dispersed abroad.

## TRINITY CHURCH, BROOKLYN.

REV. R. CAMP, RECTOR.

Families, 20; baptisms—infants, 4, adult, 1; communicants—added, 6, died, 3, present number, 47; confirmed, 6; burials, 5; Sunday School—teachers, 7, scholars, not known; charitable contributions, for purposes out of the Parish, \$100.

Situated in the midst of a population peculiarly imbued with the wild extravagances of the age, the Church exhibits her steady, sober piety, and her conservative principles, to great advantage; yet, severed as we are from the more densely settled part of our Church, it is but the struggling light of a taper contesting the sway of night. To look up the scattered sheep, and extend over neighbouring towns and villages the efforts required upon a single point, must ever dishearten the Minister, and throw over his labours an appearance of inefficiency. We regret the necessity which compels us to feel the force of the text, "And from him that hath not, shall be taken that which he hath."

## CHRIST CHURCH, POMFRET.

REV. R. CAMP, RECTOR.

Families, 12; baptism—infant, 1; communicants—added, 1, removals, 9, present number, 14; marriage, 1; charitable contributions, \$12.

This Church has been very much weakened by removals, though never strong. It has no rival in situation, and needs but a short term of assistance to rank among the settled Parishes of our Diocese. We deplore the remissness of our Church respecting the eastern portion of the State. Nowhere in Christendom can be found better specimens of true Churchmanship, than can be selected from scattered families on our eastern border; yet they are hardly permitted to say to their brethren, as Ruth said unto her mother-in-law, "thy people shall be my people, thy God, my God."

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WINDHAM.

REV. HENRY BEERS SHERMAN, RECTOR ELECT.

The care of this Parish was committed to me soon after Easter; and so far as I am enabled to judge of its condition, from a short connection, its prospects for advancement and stability are truly favourable.

The parochial report for the past conventional year, will be furnished by my predecessor.

## ST. PETER'S CHURCH, HEBRON.

REV. ALPHEUS GEER, RECTOR.

The number of families belonging to this Parish is about 50; baptisms—infants, 3; communicants—added, 3, died, or removals, 4, present number, 41; marriages, 3; burials, 5; Sunday School—teachers, 6, scholars, 28; collection in aid of missions, \$6.50.

Nothing of special interest has occurred in this Parish the past year; its external condition remaining nearly the same as last reported. But though we have but few additions to our numbers, and though some few have become weary in well-doing, we have yet abundant cause of thankfulness to the great Head of the Church, that an increasing attachment to its doctrines and worship is observable among its members.

The services of the Church are generally well attended, and entire harmony prevails.

## REV. STEPHEN JEWETT.

In obedience to the Canon, I beg leave to report, that since the last annual meeting of the Convention, I have continued to officiate, as heretofore, alternately at West Haven and Westville, until the first week in February last, when I was attacked with a severe cough and hoarseness, by which I was confined almost wholly to my house, until the return of warm weather; I am now nearly recovered, and shall feel great pleasure in returning to my customary labours, as soon as, in the opinion of my medical adviser, I can do it with safety.

During the past year I have been called to attend but two burials, both of them in the adjoining town of Woodbridge.

In relation to the Churches at West Haven and Westville, I make no return, as that is the more especial duty of the Rev. Messrs. Stocking and Chapin, who have held the Rectorship of those Parishes. With regard to the latter, however, I cannot do justice to my own feelings without saying, this spirited little congregation is doing well, better than I had dared to hope, and last Sunday I spent one of the happiest days of my life in uniting in social worship with my brethren of that Parish; not as heretofore, in a hired house, or a private dwelling, but in a neat and appropriate edifice, erected for the sole purpose, and soon to be consecrated to the service only, of the living God.

I again commend these two Parishes to the fostering care of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge.

## REV. S. TOTTEN, D. D., PRESIDENT OF WASHINGTON COLLEGE.

In compliance with the Canon requiring a report from every Clergyman, in connection with the Diocese, I would state, that my time has been mostly occupied with the care of the literary institution over which I preside; though I have frequently officiated in the neighbouring Parishes, either to relieve my clerical brethren, or to supply temporary vacancies. I have kept no account of these labours, but should think that I had officiated from one third to one half of the Sundays since the last Convention.

I have the satisfaction of stating, that the number of students in Washington College continues to increase. At the date of the catalogue for 1838-9, there were belonging to the College, 82 students. Of these, 43 were communicants in the Protestant Episcopal Church; and three professors of religion in other denominations. Thirty-seven at least are pursuing their studies with a view to the ministry of the Church; and of these I can say that their general good conduct, Christian deportment, and deep sense of religious obligation, give promise of great usefulness in the cause of their divine Master. The tone of religious feeling among the students in general, is decidedly better than it was one year ago, and I have reason to hope is still improving.

## LIST OF THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF CONNECTICUT, 1839.

- The Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Brownell, D. D. LL. D., residing at Hartford.  
 The Rev. Wm. B. Ashley, Minister of St. Luke's Church, Glastenbury.  
 The Rev. Ashbel Baldwin, residing at Stratford.  
 The Rev. David Baldwin, Rector of St. John's Church, North Guilford,  
 and of the Churches in North Killingworth and North Branford.  
 \*The Rev. Josiah M. Bartlett.  
 The Rev. E. Edwards Beardsley, Principal of the Episcopal Academy,  
 Cheshire.  
 \*The Rev. Benjamin Benham.  
 \*The Rev. Lorenzo T. Bennett, assistant Minister of Trinity Parish, New  
 Haven.  
 \*The Rev. George Benton, Missionary to Greece.  
 The Rev. Silas Blaisdale, Minister of Union Church, Hitchcocksville.  
 The Rev. Chas. Wm. Bradley, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, East Had-  
 dam.  
 The Rev. Hilliard Bryant, officiating in the Parishes of Milton and Brad-  
 leyville.  
 \*The Rev. Edward C. Bull, officiating at Brookfield.  
 The Rev. Geo. Burgess, Rector of Christ Church, Hartford.  
 The Rev. Daniel Burhans, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Quakers' Farms,  
 Oxford.  
 The Rev. Riverins Camp, Rector of Trinity Church, Brooklyn, and Christ  
 Church, Pomfret.  
 The Rev. Alonzo B. Chapin, Editor of the Chronicle of the Church, New  
 Haven, and officiating at St. James' Church, New Haven, (Westville.)  
 The Rev. Jacob L. Clark, Rector of St. John's Church, Waterbury.  
 \*The Rev. P. G. Clark, Chaplain United States' Navy.  
 The Rev. Gurdon S. Coit, Rector of St. John's Church, Bridgeport.  
 The Rev. Nathaniel E. Cornwall, Rector of Trinity Parish, Fairfield.  
 The Rev. Levi H. Corson, Rector of Trinity Church, Branford.  
 The Rev. Joseph S. Covell, Rector of Trinity Church, Bristol, and All  
 Saints' Church, Wolcott.  
 The Rev. Harry Croswell, D. D., Rector of Trinity Parish, New Haven.  
 The Rev. Edward J. Darken, Rector of Christ Church, Guilford.  
 \*The Rev. G. C. V. Eastman, residing at Litchfield.  
 The Rev. Samuel M. Emery, Rector of Trinity Church, Chatham.  
 The Rev. Henry Fitch, Rector of Grace Church, Hamden.  
 The Rev. Alpheus Geer, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Hebron.  
 The Rev. John M. Guion, Rector of St. Mark's Church, New Britain.  
 \*The Rev. Caleb I. Good, Professor of Ancient Languages, Washington  
 College.  
 The Rev. Robert A. Hallam, Rector of St. James' Church, New London.  
 The Rev. Solomon G. Hitchcock, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Woodbury.  
 The Rev. Frederick Holcomb, D. D., officiating at Harwinton.  
 The Rev. Oliver Hopson, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Naugatuck, and  
 of the Church in Middlebury.  
 The Rev. Melancthon Hoyt, Minister of St. Andrew's Church, Meriden.  
 \*The Rev. Lemuel B. Hull, Rector of St. Paul's Church Wallingford.  
 The Rev. Enoch Huntington, Rector of St. John's Church, New Milford.  
 The Rev. Edward Ingersoll, Rector of Christ Church, Westport.  
 \*The Rev. Edward J. Ives, Rector of St. George's Church, Milford.  
 The Rev. Abner Jackson, Professor in Washington College.  
 The Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, D. D. LL. D., Rector of Christ Church, Mid-  
 dletown.

- \*The Rev. Wm. Jarvis, residing at Chatham.
- The Rev. Stephen Jewett, residing at New Haven.
- \*The Rev. Isaac Jones.
- \*The Rev. Zebediah Hyde Mansfield, Minister of St. John's Church, Warehouse Point.
- \*The Rev. Truman Marsh, residing at Litchfield.
- The Rev. Wm. C. Mead, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Norwalk.
- The Rev. Joseph H. Nichols, residing at Greenfield Hill.
- The Rev. Abel Nichols, Minister of St. Mark's Church, Bridgewater.
- \*The Rev. Birdsey G. Noble, residing at Bridgeport.
- The Rev. David Ogden, Rector of St. Mark's Church, New Canaan.
- The Rev. Seth B. Paddock, Rector of Christ Church, Norwich.
- The Rev. Wm. Payne, Minister of St. Michael's Church, Litchfield.
- \*The Rev. Dexter Potter, Rector of St. James' Church, Preston, (Poqueton-nuck.)
- \*The Rev. Lucius M. Purdy.
- The Rev. Nathaniel S. Richardson, Minister of Christ Church, Watertown.
- The Rev. Rodney Rossiter, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Monroe.
- \*The Rev. John H. Rouse, Rector of Christ Church, Bethany.
- \*The Rev. Thomas G. Salter.
- \*The Rev. Thomas S. Savage, Missionary to Africa.
- The Rev. Joseph Scott, Rector of St. James' Church, Derby.
- \*The Rev. George C. Shepherd.
- The Rev. Henry B. Sherman, Minister of St. Paul's Church, Windham.
- The Rev. David H. Short, Rector of St. James' Church, Danbury, and St. Thomas' Chapel, Bethel.
- \*The Rev. John D. Smith, Rector of Union Church, Humphreysville.
- \*The Rev. Albert Spooner, residing at Norwich.
- \*The Rev. George A. Sterling, officiating in Christ Church, Middle Had-dam.
- The Rev. Servilius Stocking, Rector of St. John's Church, North Haven, and St. Andrew's Church, Northford.
- \*The Rev. Samuel C. Stratton, Rector of Trinity Church, Newtown.
- The Rev. Foster Thayer, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Huntington.
- The Rev. Ambrose S. Todd, Rector of St. John's Church, Stamford.
- \*The Rev. Charles J. Todd, Rector of Christ Church, Reading.
- The Rev. David G. Tomlinson, Rector of Christ Church, Trumbull.
- The Rev. Silas Totten, D. D., President of Washington College, Hartford.
- \*The Rev. Joseph D. Tyler, Instructor in the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb, Hartford.
- The Rev. Thomas H. Vail, Rector of St. John's Church, Essex.
- The Rev. William Warland, Jr., Rector of Grace Church, Saybrook.
- The Rev. Wm. Watson, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Plymouth.
- \*The Rev. Nathaniel S. Wheaton, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, New Orleans.
- \*The Rev. George S. White, Canterbury.
- \*The Rev. Milton Wilcox, Simsbury.
- \*The Rev. John Williams.
- \*The Rev. Edwin W. Wiltbank, Rector of Christ Church, Stratford.
- The Rev. F. B. Woodward, Minister of St. Matthew's Church, Plymouth.
- The Rev. John W. Woodward, Rector of Christ Church, Salem.
- \*The Rev. Benjamin M. Yarrington, Minister of Christ Church, Green-wich.

Clergymen with this mark (\*) prefixed to their names, were not present during the session of the Convention.



## CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS.

Wm. Atwill,  
James R. Bailey,  
Shelden Davis,  
Charles W. Everest,  
George L. Foote,  
Wm. G. French,

Paschal P. P. Kidder,  
Isaac H. Tuttle,  
Ephraim L. Perkins,  
Charles Gillet,  
John G. Hull,  
Charles Prindle,

Wm. G. Morgan,  
Henry Townsend,  
Martin Moody,  
Thomas C. Pitkin,  
Daniel Shepherd,  
John Riggs.

The following Parishes paid their assessment for 1839, as required by Canon II.:

|                                   |        |  |          |
|-----------------------------------|--------|--|----------|
| St. Paul's Church, Norwalk,       | \$6.00 | St. James' Church and St. Thomas' Chapel, Danbury, | \$3.75   |
| Christ Church, Norwich,           | 6.75   | St. James' Church, Westville,                      | 1.00     |
| St. Luke's Church, Glastenbury,   | 4.50   | St. Andrew's Church, Meriden,                      | 3.75     |
| Christ Church, Watertown,         | 4.50   | Christ Church, Hartford,                           | 9.00     |
| Grace Church, Hamden,             | 3.75   | Christ Church, Westport,                           | 4.50     |
| Trinity Parish, New Haven,        | 16.50  | St. Paul's Church, Huntington,                     | 2.50     |
| Christ Church, Trumbull,          | 2.80   | St. John's Church, N. Guilford,                    | 0.75     |
| Trinity Parish, Fairfield,        | 4.50   | Union Church, N. Killingworth,                     | 0.25     |
| St. Peter's Church, Plymouth,     | 4.50   | Christ Church, Guilford,                           | 3.75     |
| St. Paul's Church, Woodbury,      | 2.81   | St. Paul's Church, Windham,                        | 3.00     |
| St. John's Church, Essex,         | 3.00   | Christ Church, Bethany,                            | 3.37½    |
| St. Matthew's Church, Wilton,     | 3.00   | All Saints' Church, Wolcott,                       | 1.87½    |
| St. John's Church, Stamford,      | 4.50   | St. Andrew's Church, N. Preston,                   | 1.87½    |
| St. Mark's Church, N. Canaan,     | 3.00   | Trinity Church, Branford,                          | 1.95     |
| St. Peter's Church, Monroe,       | 2.43   | St. Michael's Church, Litchfield,                  | 3.75     |
| Christ Church, Middletown,        | 7.50   | St. Stephen's Church, Ridgefield,                  | 3.75     |
| Trinity Church, Newtown,          | 4.87½  | St. Peter's Church, Hebron,                        | 1.87½    |
| St. Michael's Church, Naugatuck,  | 2.81   | St. John's Church, Waterbury,                      | 5.62½    |
| Trinity Church, Brooklyn,         | 1.87   | Christ Church, Reading, 1838-9,                    | 4.98     |
| St. Matthew's Church, Plymouth,   | 3.25   | St. John's Church, Bridgeport,                     | 7.50     |
| St. James' Church, N. London,     | 5.62   | Union Church, Humphreysville,                      | 2.00     |
| St. Andrew's Church, Northford,   | 1.50   | St. Paul's Church, Brookfield,                     | 3.75     |
| St. James' Church, Derby, 1838-9, | 6.25   | Received from Wm. H. Scovill,                      |          |
| St. John's Church, North Haven,   | 1.00   | Esq., being a balance in the                       |          |
| Trinity Church, Bristol,          | 1.87½  | hands of the late Sec'y, the                       |          |
| Christ Church, Middle Haddam,     | 2.00   | Rev. A. C. Morgan, deceased,                       | 2.68     |
| St. John's Church, Washington,    | 0.94   |  |          |
| Trinity Church, Chatham,          | 4.50   |  |          |
|                                   |        | Total,   | \$193.75 |

The following Parishes did not pay into the Convention Fund, for the current year:

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| Bethlem,         | Milton,      | Preston, (Poque- | Salem,       |
| Bradleyville,    | Milford,     | tonnuck.)        | Saybrook,    |
| Bridgewater,     | New Britain, | Quakers' Farms,  | Sharon,      |
| East Windsor,    | Middlebury,  | Roxbury,         | Wallingford, |
| East Haven,      | Northfield,  | Simsbury,        | West Haven,  |
| Granby,          | New Milford, | Southington,     | Woodbridge,  |
| Hitchcocksville, | Oxford,      | Salisbury,       | Weston.      |
| Kent,            | Pomfret,     |                  |              |

## APPENDIX, NO. II.

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### CONSTITUTION

OF THE

### SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE, 1839.

**ART. 1.** This Society shall be called "*THE CONNECTICUT PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.*"

**ART. 2.** The Bishop of the Diocese shall be, *ex officio*, President of the Society; and the Bishop and the Standing Committee shall constitute the *Board of Directors*. The Secretary of the Standing Committee shall be the Secretary and Treasurer of the Society.

**ART. 3.** The Board shall meet as often as the interests of the Society may require; and may take such measures as they may think expedient, to obtain funds. They shall employ Missionaries within the Diocese; and may cause to be procured and distributed or sold, Bibles, Prayer Books, and Religious Tracts, in such manner as they may think proper.

**ART. 4.** The Secretary shall keep a register of the names of the members and donors, with the amount of their contributions; and a record of the collections made in congregations, or by Auxiliary Societies.


**ART. 5.** All moneys received for the benefit of the Society, shall be subject to the order of the Board, and shall be by them appropriated to the purposes specified in Article 3.

**ART. 6.** Persons contributing one dollar annually shall be members of the Society; those who contribute five dollars at one time shall be members for life, and those who contribute twenty dollars, shall be patrons.

**ART. 7.** There shall be divine service, and a sermon, or addresses, delivered at every annual session of the Convention, and a collection made for the benefit of the Society.

**ART. 8.** The Board shall make an annual report of their proceedings to the Convention; and the Treasurer shall also make a report of the state of the funds; which reports, or so much of them as the Convention may direct, shall be entered on the Journals.

**ART. 9.** No alteration shall be made in this Constitution, without having been proposed to the Convention, at least one day before it is acted upon; and the Convention alone shall have power to make alterations.



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*Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, in account with Samuel Far-*  
*mar Jarvis, Treasurer.* Dr.

1838.

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| June 13, | To cash paid on the appropriations made August 3, 1837, and due at Easter, as follows:   |                |
|          | To the Rev. Levi H. Corson, for missionary services, at Guilford, . . . . .  | \$25.00        |
|          | To the Rev. David Ogden, New Canaan, . . . . .   | 25.00          |
|          | To the Rev. Thomas Clark, Huntington, . . . . .  | 25.00          |
|          | To the Rev. E. E. Beardsley, Cheshire, . . . . .   | 50.00          |
|          | To Mr. Uriel Spencer, Warden, for missionary aid, Hitchcocksville, . . . . .   | 35.00          |
|          | To the Rev. Jos. H. Nichols, for missionary services at Greenwich, . . . . .   | 25.00          |
|          | To the Rev. E. J. Darken, balance due at Easter, for missionary services in Weston, as per Journal of 1838, p. 41, note, . . . . .   | 19.67          |
|          | To the Rev. Oliver Hopson, for missionary services at Middlebury, . . . . .  | 25.00          |
|          | To the Rev. Alpheus Geer, Hebron, . . . . .  | 25.00          |
|          | To the Rev. Calvin Wolcott, for performing divine service in St. James' Church, Poquetonnuck, for two quarters and one sixth, at the rate of \$150 per annum. See Journal of 1838, p. 41, note, . . . . .  | 81.25          |
|          | To the Rev. J. M. Tappan, for missionary services in Essexborough, as per appropriation of June 12th, 1838, . . . . .  | 50.00          |
|          |  | <hr/> \$385.92 |
| " 21,    | To cash paid Rev. Hilliard Bryant, for missionary services in Bradleyville, as per appropriation of June 12, 1838, . .   | 50.00          |
| July 22, | To cash paid Rev. Silas Blaisdale, for missionary services due last Easter, by appropriation of August 3, 1837, . .  | 50.00          |
|          | To cash paid widow of the Rev. S. Beach, for missionary services at East Haddam, according to resolution passed July 6, 1838, through the Bishop, . . . . .  | 25.00          |
| Oct. 16, | To cash paid Emmanuel Russell, Treasurer of St. Mark's Church, New Britain, advanced by him to the Rev. Thos. J. Davis, for missionary services in that Parish, due last Easter, . . . . .   | 75.00          |
| " 23,    | To cash paid Rev. Henry Fitch, due at Michaelmas, for missionary services at Hamden, . . . . .   | 37.50          |
| Nov. 5,  | To cash paid Rev. Joseph H. Nichols, \$25; Rev. J. M. Tappan, \$25; Rev. Wm. G. Heyer, \$25; being the Michaelmas payment for missionary services in Greenwich, Essexborough, and East Haddam, . . . . .   | 75.00          |
| " 7,     | To cash paid Rev. E. E. Beardsley, for missionary services in Cheshire, . . . . .  | 25.00          |
| " 9,     | To cash paid Rev. David H. Short, for missionary services in Danbury, . . . . .  | 25.00          |
|          | To cash paid Rev. A. B. Chapin, for missionary services in Westville, . . . . .  | 50.00          |
| " 28,    | To cash paid Rev. David Ogden, \$25; Rev. Oliver Hopson, \$25; Rev. Servilius Stocking, \$25; Rev. Z. H. Mansfield, \$25; being the Michaelmas payment for missionary services in New Canaan, Middlebury, West Haven, and Warehouse Point, . . . . . | 100.00         |
| Dec. 17, | To cash paid Rev. Silas Blaisdale, for missionary services in Salem, . . . . .   | 50.00          |
|          | Amount carried over,   | <hr/> \$948.42 |

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| 1839.     |  |                  |
| Jan. 1,   | To amount of cash paid, brought forward, . . . . .   | \$948.43         |
| April 12, | To cash paid Rev. Silas Blaisdale, being the Easter pay-<br>ment for missionary services in Salem, . . . . .   | 50.00            |
| " 15,     | To cash paid Rev. David Ogden, for missionary services<br>in New Canaan, . . . . .   | 25.00            |
|           | To cash paid the 4th instant, by E. Lacy, Cashier, the Bish-<br>op's order in favour of Rev. Joseph H. Nichols, for mis-<br>sionary services in Greenwich, . . . . . | 25.00            |
| " 18,     | To cash paid Rev. E. E. Beardsley, for missionary services<br>at Cheshire, . . . . .   | 25.00            |
| " 29,     | To cash paid Samuel Ingham, Esq., being the Easter allow-<br>ance voted to the Rev. James M. Tappan, for missionary<br>services in Essexborough, . . . . .           | 25.00            |
| May 11,   | To cash paid Rev. Z. H. Mansfield, for missionary services<br>at Warehouse Point, . . . . .  | 25.00            |
| " 20,     | To cash paid Rev. Henry Fitch, due at Easter, for mission-<br>ary services at Hamden, . . . . .  | 37.50            |
| June 8,   | To cash paid sundry postages, . . . . .  | 0.66             |
|           | To balance to be carried to new account, . . . . .   | 563.28           |
|           |  | <u>\$1744.86</u> |

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| 1838.     |   |                  |
| June 11,  | By balance from last account, as per Journal of 1838, p. 39, . . . . .  | \$121.08         |
| " 13,     | By cash, being the amount received at the Annual Conven-<br>tion, from forty-two Parishes, and a collection in Christ<br>Church, Hartford, at the Annual Sermon, as per Jour-<br>nal of 1838, p. 42, . . . . .                  | 819.25           |
|           | By cash from Rev. Calvin Wolcott, as follows: from the<br>Ladies' Sewing Circle, \$25; and monthly collection at Po-<br>quetonnuck, \$19; collected from friends of the Church<br>in Norwich and New London, \$10.50, . . . . . | 47.50            |
| July 6,   | By cash from Mr. John Bishop, through the Rev. Dr. Cros-<br>well, being a contribution to the Society from the Parish<br>of East Haven, . . . . .   | 3.32             |
| " 7,      | By cash from the Rev. Allen C. Morgan, Treasurer of the<br>Convention, refunding the loan made August 3, 1837, ac-<br>cording to the resolution on p. 11th of Journal of 1838, . . . . .  | 115.00           |
| " 17,     | By cash from St. John's Church, Bridgeport, by Charles<br>Foote, Cashier, . . . . .   | 20.00            |
| Oct. 19,  | By cash received from St. Mark's Church, New Canaan, . . . . .  | 5.00             |
| " 23,     | By cash from the offerings of Trinity Church, New Haven, . . . . .  | 37.50            |
| Nov. 7,   | By cash from New Haven County Clerical Association, by<br>Rev. L. B. Hull, . . . . .  | 5.18             |
| 1839.     |   |                  |
| Jan. 1,   | By cash, Christmas offerings from Christ Church, Middletown, . . . . .  | 20.00            |
| Feb. 15,  | By cash, amount of collections from Easter to Christmas, 1838,<br>in Christ Church, Salem, by Rev. Silas Blaisdale, . . . . .   | 6.00             |
| " 28,     | By cash from Trinity Church, Newtown, by Rev. S. C. Stratton, . . . . .   | 6.00             |
| Mar. 30,  | By cash from Union Church, Hitchcocksville, Christmas<br>offering, by Uriel Spencer, . . . . .  | 5.85             |
| April 10, | By cash, amount of Easter offerings in Christ Church, Sa-<br>lem, by the Rev. Silas Blaisdale, . . . . .  | 3.00             |
|           | By cash, Easter offerings from Christ Church, Middletown, . . . . .   | 12.00            |
| " 20,     | By cash, "offerings of the Church," from St. James' Church,<br>Danbury, through the Rev. D. H. Short, . . . . .   | 22.69            |
|           | Amount carried over, . . . . .  | <u>\$1249.37</u> |

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|           | By amount brought forward,  | \$1249.37        |
| April 20, | By cash, "offerings of the Church," from St. Paul's, Brookfield, through the Rev. D. H. Short,                  | 12.53            |
|           | By cash, part of a legacy left by Miss Vashti Sherman, late of Brookfield, through the Rev. D. H. Short,        | 302.46           |
| May 7,    | By cash, three dividends on two shares Phoenix Bank Stock, declared March and September, 1838, and March, 1839, | 23.00            |
| " 9,      | By cash, "offerings" from Trinity Church, Brooklyn, by the Rev. Riverius Camp,                                  | 26.00            |
| " 20,     | By cash from offerings of Trinity Church, New Haven,  | 37.50            |
| " 25,     | By cash from Bee Hive Society, of St. John's Church, New Milford, through the Bishop,                           | 20.00            |
| June 8,   | By cash, being the balance of Miss Vashti Sherman's legacy, through the Rev. David H. Short,                    | 64.00            |
|           | By cash, donation of her sister, Mrs. Amy Peck, through the same,   | 10.00            |
|           |   | <u>\$1744.86</u> |

In addition to the account here presented, the Treasurer begs leave to add the following statement, exhibiting the present liabilities of the Society:

The balance in his hands of \$583.28, includes the legacy of the late Miss Vashti Sherman, amounting to \$366.46. The question will arise, whether that sum shall be added to the permanent fund of the Society, which now consists of two shares in the Phoenix Bank, drawing an interest of from 7 to 8 per cent., or whether by enlarged appropriations for the ensuing year, it shall be paid out as a portion of the annual receipts and expenditures. The annexed estimate regards both contingencies.

If it be added to the permanent fund, then the amount in the hands of the Treasurer, to meet the appropriations of the past year, will be . . . \$216.82

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| Of the appropriations made July 6th, 1838, there remain unpaid, |         |
| To Hitchcocksville,   | \$50.00 |
| To Weston,  | 50.00   |
| To Middlebury,  | 25.00   |
| To East Haddam,   | 25.00   |
| To West Haven,  | 25.00   |

\$175.00

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| To which add the appropriations made June 10, to St. James' Church, New Haven, (Westville,) | 50.00 |
| And to Bradleyville, both considered as due at Easter, 1839,                                | 50.00 |

And the present liabilities of the Society will amount to . . . 275.00

Leaving a deficit of . . . \$58.18

If, on the other hand, the legacy of Miss Sherman be not added to the permanent fund, there will remain in the hands of the Treasurer, to be appropriated to the current expenses of the next year, the sum of \$308.28.

Respectfully submitted,

S. FARMAR JARVIS, *Treasurer.*

HARTFORD, JUNE 12, 1839.

The Treasurer of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, acknowledges the receipt of the following sums during the present Convention, from the several Churches named:

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| Christ Church, Hartford, by the Rev. George Burgess, Rector, . .   | \$111.61 |
| St. Luke's Church, Glastenbury, by the Rev. William B. Ashley, Minister, . . . . .                                   | 4.50     |
| Trinity Church, Bristol, by the Rev. J. S. Covell, Rector, . . . .   | 7.63     |
| St. Mark's Church, New Britain, by Emmanuel Russell, Esq., delegate, . . . . .                                       | 4.00     |
| St. James' Church, New London, by the Rev. Robert A. Hallam, Rector, . . . . .                                       | 31.22    |
| Christ Church, Norwich, by R. Adams, Esq., delegate, . . . . .   | 40.00    |
| Christ Church, Middletown, by the Rev. S. Farmar Jarvis, Rector, . .   | 28.07    |
| Trinity Church, Chatham, by Daniel Russel, Esq., delegate, . . . .   | 40.00    |
| St. Stephen's Church, East Haddam, by the Rev. Charles W. Bradley, Rector, . . . . .                                 | 5.00     |
| St. John's Church, Essexborough, by the Rev. T. H. Vail, . . . . .   | 4.25     |
| Union Church, North Killingworth, by the Rev. David Baldwin, Rector, . . . . .                                       | 1.25     |
| St. James' Church, New Haven, (Westville,) by Mr. Newell Johnson, delegate, . . . . .                                | 4.00     |
| Christ Church, Guilford, by the Rev. E. J. Darken, Rector, . . . .   | 2.06     |
| St. John's Church, North Guilford, by the Rev. D. Baldwin, Rector, .   | 1.25     |
| Trinity Church, Branford, by Mr. E. F. Rogers, delegate, . . . . .   | 5.00     |
| St. John's Church, North Haven, by Mr. Evelin Blakeslee, delegate, . . . . .   | 5.00     |
| St. Peter's Church, Cheshire, by the Rev. E. E. Beardsley, officiating Minister, . . . . .                           | 10.00    |
| Grace Church, Hamden, by the Rev. Henry Fitch, Rector, . . . . .   | 5.00     |
| St. George's Church, West Haven, by the Rev. A. B. Chapin, . . . .   | 4.00     |
| St. James' Church, Derby, by Mr. Levi Hotchkiss, delegate, . . . .   | 8.40     |
| Union Church, Humphreysville, by the Rev. John D. Smith, . . . . .   | 8.00     |
| St. John's Church, Waterbury, by the Rev. J. L. Clark, Rector, . . . .   | 75.00    |
| St. Michael's Church, Naugatuck, by the Rev. Oliver Hopson, Rector, .  | 5.00     |
| Church, Middlebury, by the Rev. Oliver Hopson, Rector, . . . . .   | 6.00     |
| All Saints' Church, Wolcott, by the Rev. J. S. Covell, Rector, . . . .   | 3.42     |
| Trinity Church, Fairfield, and Trinity Chapel, Fairfield, (Southport,) by the Rev. N. E. Cornwall, Rector, . . . . . | 11.50    |
| St. Paul's Church, Norwalk, by the Rev. Wm. C. Mead, D. D., Rector, .  | 20.00    |
| St. John's Church, Stamford, by the Rev. Ambrose S. Todd, Rector, .  | 13.00    |
| St. Matthew's Church, Wilton, by Samuel F. Lambert, Esq., . . . . .  | 5.00     |
| St. Stephen's Church, Ridgefield, by Mr. Dauchy, delegate, . . . . .   | 16.33    |
| Trinity Church, Newtown, by Mr. Jabez B. Peck, delegate, . . . . .   | 20.75    |
| St. Paul's Church, Huntington, by the Rev. Foster Thayer, Minister, .  | 4.00     |
| St. Peter's Church, Monroe, by the Rev. Rodney Rossiter, Rector, . .   | 4.00     |
| Christ Church, Trumbull, by the Rev. D. G. Tomlinson, Rector, . . . .  | 10.00    |
| St. Mark's Church, New Canaan, by the Rev. David Ogden, . . . . .  | 5.00     |
| Christ Church, Westport, by the Rev. Edward Ingersoll, Rector, . .   | 8.00     |
| St. Peter's Church, Plymouth, by the Rev. William Watson, Rector, .  | 33.81    |
| Total, 38 Churches, in same number of towns, contributed . . . . .   | \$571.05 |
| June 11, Collection in Christ Church, Hartford, after the Annual Sermon, . . . . .                                   | 46.66    |
|  | <hr/>    |
|  | \$617.71 |

## APPENDIX, NO. III.

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### CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY.

HARTFORD, JUNE 12, 1839.

The annual meeting of the Church Scholarship Society was holden at Christ Church, after evening prayer. The President of the Society being absent, from indisposition, the Rev. Dr. Croswell was called to the chair. The Report of the Board of Education was read and accepted. The Report of the Treasurer was read and accepted.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year, viz.:

#### *Board of Education.*

|                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| REV. SILAS TOTTEN, D. D., | DUDLEY BUCK, Esq.,       |
| THOMAS BELKNAP, Esq.,     | ZEPHANIAH PRESTON, Esq., |
| WILLIAM T. LEE, Esq.,     | ISAAC TOUSEY, Esq.       |

REV. GEORGE BURGESS, *Secretary.*

JAMES M. GOODWIN, Esq., *Treasurer.*

*Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this Society, the provision of a permanent supply of suitable candidates for the Ministry must very much depend, under the divine blessing, on the preparation of the young, through efficient religious instruction, to devote themselves early to the service of God and His Church.

*Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this Society, the wants of the Church are such as to require every exertion for the increase of the Ministry, both through the support of necessitous students, and through the encouragement of others who may possess the essential qualifications for its sacred duties.

GEORGE BURGESS, *Secretary.*

The Board of Education, appointed at the Convention of 1838, to superintend the concerns of the Church Scholarship Society, respectfully present their Report.

At the period of the last Convention, the beneficiaries of the Society were eight. Four have since left college, three of them having completed the usual course, and one having relinquished, from considerations connected with the situation of his family, the purpose of obtaining a classical education. The last had been a beneficiary little more than a year, and will undoubtedly make an early remuneration. Eight have been added; and the present number is therefore twelve. Of these, only two will be graduated at the next Commencement; and the Board have already several applications in prospect. They, therefore, appeal with earnestness to the several congregations which are represented here, for such support as their respective ability may allow, and the evident necessity must demand.

The thanks of the Society are due, indeed, for the very generous aid which it has received during the past year. A greater number of Parishes than usual have made their contributions; and amongst these it is but just to notice with particular honour the large donations of the congregation of St. John's Church, in Waterbury. Through the timely assistance, also, which was af-

forded by the bequest of a pious member of our Church, whose beneficence was shared by this institution with the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, and the Board of Missions, the danger of embarrassment has been averted, and the treasury remains free from debt. The Board would here express their gratitude for the liberality, and their respect for the memory, of that deceased benefactress of the Society.

Admonished as we are by the bereavements sustained by this Diocese, in the loss of two excellent and beloved Clergymen, that the time is short, and that the labourers are few, it is impossible for us to contemplate the condition of the Ministry without some solicitude. Nothing except the smallness of their numbers prevents exertions, not only in the distant parts of our country, but here at home, which could not but be successful in rearing new congregations of this Church, and in seeking out many souls, which now, whether necessarily or wilfully, are as sheep without a shepherd. Every Clergyman who receives orders, receives at once an invitation to some established Parish; and still, almost at all times, a few are vacant. While this want of Pastors continues, it is unreasonable to expect a very great increase of the number of missionaries; and one part of this great vineyard can only be cultivated through the injury of another.

On the other hand, although we most eagerly desire that the funds provided for the education of necessitous candidates for the Ministry may be largely augmented, yet the evil cannot receive its remedy from this source alone. The time is within the remembrance of men, when no such aid was given by organized societies, and when the ranks of the Ministry were certainly as full, in proportion to the need, as now. If every allowance be made for the redundant population that has flowed in from abroad, and for the peculiar destitution of thousands of scattered emigrants, it is still surprising that these increased necessities have not been more than met by the increased efforts of Christian zeal. It is still surprising that when little or no assistance was rendered, the supply was nearer the need, than when, of the number of students who are in preparation for the Ministry, more than one half, if not more than two thirds, are partially sustained by scholarships or stipends.

The congregations of our own Church are, in most of the States, much more numerous than at any earlier period. But there can be no just cause why the accessions to the number of Clergymen should not equal the accessions to the number of Parishes. Nor can it be said with any air of reason that the piety of the Church has become more languid, or that in its outward prosperity its faithful and spiritual members have not been proportionally multiplied. All other signs, on the contrary, except this, would seem to betoken increase; and the very fact that the cause of clerical education has received so much support, must indicate real interest in the Gospel and its propagation. Yet those who through their own efforts, or with only the assistance of their friends, accomplish their course of theological study, are becoming the exceptions to the general rule. Of the members of Washington College, who are anticipating those studies, a very large majority are beneficiaries of some society or Parish.

Are we approaching a time, then, when the sacred office is to be held below the attention of those who have prospects in the world? Or shall the Church be compelled to rely chiefly upon the limited supply which it can receive through its Education Societies, and its Parochial Scholarships? It is surely the duty, both of the Clergy and laity, to anticipate such an issue, and, by the blessing of God, to prevent it.

The most important cause for the deficiency in the number of theological students, is found in the want of efficient religious instruction from early youth. Piety is too seldom nourished in childhood: the very period at which the choice of an occupation for life is made, passes without its influence; and very often, when, a little later, it takes root, the habits are formed, the paths are fixed, and not without much inconvenience, expense, and anxiety can a change be made in their direction. Many a young man who, at eighteen or twenty-one years of age, can hardly be advised to prepare himself for the Ministry, or, if advised, must be almost entirely sustained by others, might, had he



but felt the same religious convictions at fourteen or sixteen, have pursued his studies with ease, and with little or no need of assistance, except from his own family. The time and the cost which it would have required have been already bestowed on other occupations. A profound wisdom may be discerned in that usage of the Church, under which the young should be, through the grace of God, prepared for confirmation and the Lord's Supper, at the time when they choose their future pursuits; and if a systematic course of preparation were faithfully established by the Clergy, and supported by previous instruction in the Sunday School and at home, it is believed that the Ministry would often be the first choice of the youthful mind, and be thus attained without any special sacrifice.

Another cause for this evil, the Board do not hesitate to say, is the absence of sufficient encouragement on the part of many Parishes to that exertion and expenditure which are needed in a preparation for the Ministry. We would shrink from the suggestion of worldly motives to seek that holy station. We would require from every candidate the strictest examination of his own heart, and a reasonable persuasion that he is indeed moved by the Holy Ghost. But it is very frequent that a young man, possessing the seed of every inward qualification, has parents or friends, who could afford him, at least with some exertion and sacrifice, every necessary aid, but who are governed by no decided and warm principle of piety in their wishes for his establishment in life. If the prospect of comfortable and honourable settlement be before him, they will lend that aid sometimes even in the hope of remuneration. If the probability be strong, that he will receive but a bare and painful support, they will discourage his desire, and withhold their co-operation. Many young men, without any assistance, would make their way to a liberal education, by extraordinary efforts on their own part, if they were cheered by the expectation of as large a compensation as a diligent mechanic earns and deserves. The Board of Education, composed of persons who have no immediate interest in the subject, would request the representatives of the country Parishes to consider whether the Church must not eventually suffer much in its best welfare, and the Ministry be unspeakably weakened, if the standard of clerical compensation in those Parishes be not so raised as really to equal what it was ten, twenty, or thirty years since. In such a course the Church Scholarship Society has an obvious interest. Its grants are loans; and it is unreasonable to suppose that they will be repaid, if the remuneration of those whom it has assisted be hardly sufficient for their own urgent necessities.

On these topics it would at least be gratifying to receive some expressions of the judgment of the Society. In the mean time, the Board trust that no exertion will be relaxed, on behalf of those who are ready, under whatever discouragement, to give themselves to the service of Christ, in the Ministry of His Church. Every one of them is needed, and would be needed, though accessions which should require no aid were multiplied beyond all our hopes or imaginations. To consider with seriousness the actual sin and misery which are in the world, and which can never be removed except through the preaching of the Gospel, is enough to make every Christian heart burn with the desire to labour in that harvest, or to send forth labourers. It is the prerogative of the Lord of the harvest to send them; we are commanded to ask it from His mercy; but we shall not dare to utter the prayer, except we also aid, encourage, and strengthen those whom he sends, or through our instrumentality, prepares to receive his commission.

*Church Scholarship Society, in account with J. M. Goodwin, Treasurer, Dr.*

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|----------|--|-------------------|
| 1838.    | To cash loaned sundry beneficiaries, from June 14, 1838, to June 12, 1839, . . . . . | \$1050.00         |
| 1839.    |  |                   |
| Feb.     | To cash paid J. B. Eldridge, for printing blanks, . . . . .                          | 3.00              |
| June 12, | To cash, balance on hand this day, . . . . .   | 211.45            |
|          |  | <u>\$1,264.45</u> |

|           | <i>Per Contra,</i>  | <i>Cr.</i>       |
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| 1838.     |   |                  |
| June,     | By balance, cash on hand, . . . . .   | \$246.70         |
|           | By cash, Trinity Church, Chatham, . . . . .                                 | 20.00            |
| Aug. 2,   | By cash, St. John's Church, Waterbury, . . . . .                            | 67.00            |
|           | By cash, St. Peter's Church, Plymouth, . . . . .                            | 50.00            |
| " 15,     | By cash, C. Butler, annual subscription, . . . . .                          | 2.00             |
| Oct. 9,   | By cash, Female Beneficent Society, St. Peter's Church, Plymouth, . . . . . | 50.00            |
| Dec.      | By cash, a lady, . . . . .  | 1.00             |
| 1839.     |   |                  |
| Jan. 17,  | By cash, Rev. D. H. Short, refunded, . . . . .                              | 50.00            |
| " 20,     | By cash, Christ Church, Middletown, . . . . .                               | 10.00            |
| " 24,     | By cash, Christ Church, Hartford, . . . . .                                 | 237.55           |
| Feb.      | By cash, St. John's Church, Waterbury, . . . . .                            | 116.00           |
| April 12, | By cash, Rev. L. H. Corson, refunded, . . . . .                             | 50.00            |
|           | By cash, Sunday School, Christ Church, Middletown, . . . . .                | 3.50             |
| " 22,     | By cash, Miss Vashti Sherman, deceased, legacy, in pt. 140.00               |                  |
|           | By cash, Trinity Church, Fairfield, . . . . .                               | 10.00            |
| May 1,    | By cash, St. John's Church, Bridgeport, . . . . .                           | 30.00            |
| June 3,   | By cash, Miss Vashti Sherman, deceased, balance legacy, . . . . .           | 65.00            |
|           | By cash, Mrs. Amy Peck, paid, Rev. D. H. Short, . . . . .                   | 10.00            |
| " 12,     | By cash, Trinity Church, Branford, . . . . .                                | 5.00             |
|           | By cash, ——— Church, Middlebury, . . . . .                                  | 3.00             |
|           | By cash, St. Luke's Church, Glastenbury, . . . . .                          | 9.51             |
|           | By cash, Christ Church, Norwich, . . . . .                                  | 20.00            |
|           | By cash, St. James' Church, New London, . . . . .                           | 21.19            |
|           | By cash, St. Paul's Church, Norwalk, . . . . .                              | 20.00            |
|           | By cash, a lady of St. Paul's Church, Huntington, . . . . .                 | 25.00            |
|           | By cash, Calvin Butler, annual subscription, . . . . .                      | 3.00             |
|           | By cash, Trinity Church, Chatham, . . . . .                                 | 10.00            |
|           |   | <u>\$967.75</u>  |
|           |   | <u>\$1264.45</u> |
|           | By cash on hand, . . . . .  | <u>\$211.45</u>  |

(Errors excepted.)

J. M. GOODWIN, *Treasurer.**Hartford, June 12, 1839.*

## SYNOPSIS STATEMENT.

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Balance on hand last year, . . . . .                          | \$246.70          |
| Received on loans, refunded, . . . . .                        | 100.00            |
| Received from Parishes, societies, and individuals, . . . . . | 967.75            |
|   | <u>\$1264.45</u>  |
| Paid to 13 beneficiaries, . . . . .                           | 1050.00           |
| Paid expenses, . . . . .                                      | 3.00              |
| Balance on hand, . . . . .                                    | <u>211.45</u>     |
|   | <u>\$1,264.45</u> |

## APPENDIX, NO. IV.

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### CONSTITUTION OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, IN THE DIOCESE OF CONNECTICUT, AS AMENDED IN CONVENTION, OCTOBER, 1836.

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ARTICLE 1. The Protestant Episcopal Church in Connecticut, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, accedes to, recognizes, and adopts the General Constitution of that Church, and acknowledges its authority accordingly.

ART. 2. There shall be a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in this Diocese, on the second Tuesday of June, in each year, at such place as shall have been determined upon by the Bishop; and in case of vacancy in the Episcopate, by the Standing Committee.

ART. 3. Every Convention shall be opened with prayer, and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. And it shall be the duty of the Bishop, either to deliver a charge, or sermon, or to appoint one of his Clergy to preach at the opening of each Convention;—and in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee shall appoint.

ART. 4. The Bishop shall preside in Convention; but in case of absence or of vacancy in the Episcopate, the Convention shall elect a President *pro tem*.

ART. 5. The Bishop shall have power to call a special Convention when he may judge it conducive to the good of the Church; or when applied to for that purpose by the Standing Committee, or five Presbyters. And in case of vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee shall have power to call a special Convention.

ART. 6. The Convention shall be composed of both Clergymen and Laymen. Every officiating minister of this Church, regularly appointed to the charge of a congregation, in union with this Convention; ministers employed as missionaries, under the appointment of the ecclesiastical authority; clerical instructors of youth in any seminary of learning in this State, constituted by civil or ecclesiastical authority; and ministers whose age and infirmities prevent from exercising the clerical functions; shall be members of this Convention. Each Parish in this State which shall have been received into union with the Convention, shall be entitled to a representation in Convention, by one delegate; and if it shall consist of more than fifty families, by two; to be chosen by the Parish. And if any Parish be composed of two or more congregations, having a corresponding number of Church edifices, such Parish shall be entitled to a representation from each of such congregations, as from so many distinct Parishes. But before any delegate shall take his seat, he shall produce a certificate of his appointment, signed by the Wardens, or Parish Clerk. And one third of the members of the Clerical Order, and twenty members of the Lay order, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; but a smaller number may adjourn.

ART. 7. The Clergy and Laity in the Convention shall deliberate in one body; and on every question, a majority of votes of those present shall decide: but if upon any question it be required by five members, the two orders shall

vote thereon separately, and a concurrence of a majority of each order shall be necessary to give validity to any measure.

ART. 8. A Secretary shall be chosen by ballot, immediately upon the opening of the Annual Convention, from the Clerical members thereof. It shall be his duty to take minutes of their proceedings, to preserve their journals and records, to attest the public acts of the body, and faithfully deliver into the hands of his successor, all books and proceedings relative to the concerns of the Church, which may be in his possession. And it also shall be his duty to notify, through the channel of such public prints as may be designated by the ecclesiastical authority, the time and place appointed for the meeting of the succeeding, or special Convention.

ART. 9. The Standing Committee shall be elected at the Annual Convention; and shall be composed of five Clerical members, who shall be Rectors of Parishes, or instructors in some seminary instituted by the ecclesiastical or civil authority of this State. At their first meeting, which shall always be on the day of their election, they shall appoint from their own body a President and a Secretary, who shall keep a journal of the proceedings, subject to the inspection of the Convention. Any three of the Committee, (the whole having been summoned by the President,) shall be a quorum, except for such purposes, as agreeably to their own rules, or the Canons of the General Convention, may require a larger number.

ART. 10. The Secretary and Standing Committee of this Convention shall continue in office until their successors shall have been appointed.

ART. 11. A Treasurer shall be appointed by the Convention, to continue in office during their pleasure; and it shall be his duty to receive and manage all funds which may at any time belong to the Convention; and to lay before the Convention an annual statement of all such funds.

ART. 12. When the Episcopate of this Diocese shall become vacant by death or otherwise, the Standing Committee shall call a special Convention, within three months from the time when such vacancy shall happen, at Hartford or New Haven. And the time and place shall be notified in three or more respectable newspapers in this State, at least four weeks previous to said meeting; when the Convention may proceed to an election, or adjourn to such time and place as may be deemed expedient.

ART. 13. The election of a Bishop of this Diocese shall be in the following manner:—The two orders shall separate, and the order of the Clergy shall choose by ballot, some fit and qualified Presbyter for that office; and thereupon such choice shall be communicated to the order of Lay Delegates; and if, on ballot, the person so chosen is approved by the Lay order, he shall be declared to be duly elected. In the above mentioned election, a majority of each order shall determine a choice; provided, that two thirds of all the clergy entitled to vote be present; otherwise, two thirds of the votes of each order present shall be necessary to determine a choice.

ART. 14. Each order in Convention shall appoint delegates to the General Convention by ballot; and the delegates thus appointed, and confirmed by the concurrent vote of both orders in Convention, shall continue in office three years, or the time that may intervene between the stated meetings of the General Convention. And in case any delegate so appointed shall decline such appointment, it shall be his duty to inform the Bishop, or in case of vacancy in the Episcopate, the President of the Standing Committee, at least two months before the meeting of the General Convention; and the Bishop, or the Standing Committee, if the Episcopate be vacant, may appoint a substitute for any delegate so declining.

ART. 15. No Clergyman shall be suspended, or receive any public censure from the Bishop or Standing Committee of this Diocese, without having been adjudged thereto, in the way to be provided for by Canon.

ART. 16. This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any article except at an annual meeting of the Convention, by a vote of two thirds of the members present; nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed and approved at the annual meeting previous to its adoption, and published at large in the journals of the Convention.

## APPENDIX, NO. VI.

### CONSTITUTION OF THE CONNECTICUT EPISCOPAL ACADEMY, (AT CHESHIRE.)

ARTICLE 1. The Academy established at Cheshire by the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, shall be known by the name of the Episcopal Academy of Connecticut.

ART. 2. The Government of the Academy shall be vested in twenty-one Trustees, of which number shall be the Bishop of Connecticut, and the Principal of the Academy, *ex officio*. The other Trustees shall be chosen by the Convention, seven of whom shall be Presbyters of the Church, and the remainder Laymen, residing in the State of Connecticut.

ART. 3. Whenever a Trustee shall remove out of the State, he shall cease to be a member of the Board; and the seat of any Trustee may be declared vacant by the Convention, on his absenting himself from three successive meetings, or for any other cause satisfactory to the Convention.

ART. 4. Five of the Trustees shall form a Board, who shall meet annually at the Academy. The President, or Vice-President, may call a meeting of the Trustees, at any other time when they shall deem it necessary, or when a majority of the Trustees shall require it; public notice thereof being given in one or more newspapers in this State, at least two weeks previous to said meeting, by an advertisement signed by the Bishop, who shall be President, or by the Principal of the Academy, who shall be Vice-President of the Board.

ART. 5. Every vacancy among the Trustees shall be filled by the Convention.

ART. 6. The Principal of the Academy, who shall be a communicant in the Protestant Episcopal Church, shall be elected by the Board of Trustees, a majority of the Trustees for the time being concurring, and shall continue in office during their pleasure. But in all cases where a dissolution of the connection is contemplated, three months' notice of such design shall be given by the party desiring it.

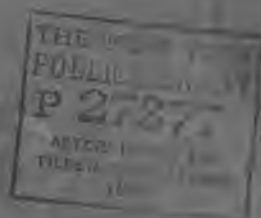
ART. 7. The branches taught in the Academy, shall be the Classics and the higher branches of English education, and the Academy shall be designed exclusively for boys.

ART. 8. The Government of the Academy, and the appointment of Assistants, shall be solely in the hands of the Principal; provided no Assistant shall be continued in office after the expression of a request on the part of the Trustees for his removal.

ART. 9. No By-law of the Academy shall compel the Students to attend public worship, but at such place or places as their respective parents or guardians shall direct.

ART. 10. Whenever the foregoing articles shall be adopted by a vote of the Convention, they shall become the Constitution of the Episcopal Academy of Connecticut, and be subject to no revision or alteration but by a vote of the Convention.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR 1839.—Rt. Rev. T. C. Brownell, D. D., *President, ex officio*—Rev. E. E. Beardsley, *Principal and Vice President, ex officio*—Rev. Harry Crosswell, D. D., Rev. Frederick Holcomb, D. D., Rev. S. Far-mar Jarvis, D. D., Rev. Stephen Jewett, Rev. Lemuel B. Hull, Rev. Silas Totten, D. D., Rev. Wm. Watson—Burrage Beach, Holbrook Curtiss, Richard Adams, Wm. W. Boardman, Ebenezer Jackson, Jr., Wm. M'Crack-an, Wm. R. Hitchcock, Wm. H. Scovill, John B. Robertson, Wm. Law, Esqrs.—Asa J. Driggs, M. D., *Secretary*.—John Beach, Esq., *Treasurer*.



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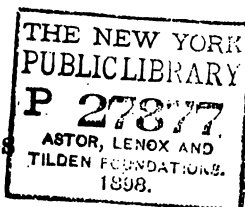
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# LIST OF THE PARISHES

OF THE

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### *Hartford County.*

Hartford, Christ Church.  
Glastenbury, St. Luke's Church.  
Simsbury, St. Andrew's Church.  
Granby, St. Peter's Church.  
East Windsor, (Warehouse Point,) St. John's Church.  
Southington, ——— Church.  
Bristol, Trinity Church.  
New Britain, St. Mark's Church.

### *Windham County.*

Brooklyn, Trinity Church.  
Pomfret, Christ Church.  
Windham, St. Paul's Church.

### *Middlesex County.*

Middletown, Christ Church.  
Chatham, Trinity Church.  
Middle Haddam, Christ Church.  
East Haddam, St. Stephen's Church.  
Saybrook, { (Essex,) St. John's Church.  
                  { Grace Church.  
North Killingworth, Union Church.

### *New London County.*

New London, St. James' Church.  
Norwich, Christ Church.  
Preston, (Poquetonnuck,) St. James' Church.  
Salem, Christ Church.

### *New Haven County.*

New Haven, { Trinity Church,  
                  { St. Paul's Chapel,  
                  { St. James', (Westville.)  
Guilford, Christ Church.  
North Guilford, St. John's Church.  
Branford, Trinity Church.  
North Branford, Zion Church.  
East Haven, Christ Church.  
North Haven, St. John's Church.  
Northford, St. Andrew's Church.  
Wallingford, St. Paul's Church.  
Cheshire, St. Peter's Church.  
Meriden, St. Andrew's Church.  
Hamden, Grace Church.  
West Haven, Christ Church.  
Milford, St. George's Church.  
Derby, St. James' Church.  
Humphreysville, Union Church.  
Oxford, { St. Peter's Church.  
          { Christ Ch. (Quakers' Farms.)  
Waterbury, St. John's Church.

Naugatuck, St. Michael's Church.  
Woodbridge, Trinity Church.  
Middlebury, ——— Church.  
Bethany, Christ Church.  
Wolcott, All Saints' Church.

### *Tolland County.*

Hebron, St. Peter's Church.

### *Fairfield County.*

Stratford, Christ Church.  
Bridgeport, St. John's Church.  
Fairfield, Trinity Church.  
Weston, ——— Church.  
Norwalk, St. Paul's Church.  
Stamford, St. John's Church.  
Wilton, St. Matthew's Church.  
Ridgefield, St. Stephen's Church.  
Danbury, { St. James' Church,  
              { St. Thomas' Chapel, (Beth-  
                  el.)  
Reading, Christ Church.  
Newtown, { Trinity Church,  
              { St. James' Church.  
Brookfield, St. Paul's Church.  
Huntington, St. Paul's Church.  
Monroe, St. Peter's Church.  
Trumbull, Christ Church.  
New Canaan, St. Mark's Church.  
Greenwich, Christ Church.  
Westport, Christ Church.

### *Litchfield County.*

Litchfield, St. Michael's Church.  
Bradleyville, ——— Church.  
Milton, ——— Church.  
Northfield, Trinity Church.  
New Milford, St. John's Church.  
Bridgewater, St. Mark's Church.  
Sharon, Christ Church.  
Kent, St. Andrew's Church.  
New Preston, St. Andrew's Church.  
Washington, St. John's Church.  
Salisbury, St. John's Church.  
Woodbury, St. Paul's Church.  
Roxbury, ——— Church.  
Bethlem, Christ Church.  
Watertown, Christ Church.  
Canaan, ——— Church.  
Plymouth, { St. Peter's Church,  
              { St. Matthew's Church.  
Hitchcocksville, Union Church.  
Harwinton, ——— Church.

## JOURNAL OF THE CONVENTION,

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NEW HAVEN, TUESDAY, JUN

THIS being the day appointed by the Constitution of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Connecticut, for the Annual Convention, the same, the Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Brownell, D. D., LL. D., Bishop of the Diocese, and several of the Clergy and Laity, assembled at 10 o'clock in Trinity Church, New Haven, which had been previously designated by the Bishop as the place of meeting.

Morning Prayers were read by the Rev. Wm. Watson, of Peter's Church, Plymouth; and a Sermon was preached by the Rev. E. E. Beardsley, of Cheshire.

The Bishop then admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons, the Rev. A. S. Foote; and to the Holy Order of the Priesthood, the Rev. A. S. Foote.

The Bishop was assisted in the administration of the Communion by Rev. Drs. Croswell and Jarvis and by Rev. Messrs. H. E. Beardsley.

The services being concluded, the Convention was called to order. A list of Clergy, entitled to seats according to the Canon passed at the last Annual Convention, was read by the Secretary, and the following Clergy were found to be present, and took their seats as members:

Rt. Rev. THOMAS C. BROWNELL, D. D., LL. D.

Rev. Wm. B. Ashley,

" Ashbel Baldwin,

" David Baldwin,

" E. E. Beardsley,

" L. T. Bennett,

" Hilliard Bryant,

" George Burgess,

" Daniel Burhans, D. D.

" S. T. Carpenter,

" Alonzo B. Chapin,

" Robert M. Chapman,

" Jacob L. Clark,

" Gurdon S. Coit,

" Joseph S. Covell,

" H. Croswell, D. D.

" S. M. Emery,

Rev. Z. H. Mansfield,

" Wm. C. Mead,

" Abel Nichols,

" David Ogden,

" Seth B. Padden,

" Wm. Payne,

" Dexter Potter,

" N. S. Richards,

" Rodney Rossi,

" Joseph Scott,

" Henry B. Shepley,

" David H. Shober,

" John D. Smith,

" S. S. Stocking,

" George A. Stebbins,

" A. S. Todd,

Rev. Henry Fitch,  
 " Robert A. Hallam,  
 " S. G. Hitchcock,  
 " Frederick Holcomb, D. D.  
 " Oliver Hopson,  
 " Warner Hoyt,  
 " E. Huntington,  
 " Edward J. Ives,  
 " S. F. Jarvis, D. D., LL. D.  
 " Isaac Jones,

Rev. David G. Tomlinson,  
 " Silas Totten, D. D.  
 " Henry Townsend,  
 " Isaac H. Tuttle,  
 " Thomas H. Vail,  
 " Wm. Watson,  
 " E. W. Wiltbank,  
 " B. M. Yarrington,  
 " F. B. Woodward,

The *Secretary* and the Rev. Mr. *Huntington* were appointed a Committee to receive and examine the testimonials of the Lay Delegates. The Convention then adjourned to meet in St. Paul's Chapel, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL, 3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee who were appointed to receive and examine the testimonials of the Lay Delegates, reported that the following persons were entitled to seats according to the Canon :

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| Wm. W. Fowler, St. Andrew's Church, Northford.        |  |
| Oliver Warner,  | } St. Stephen's Church, East Haddam.       |
| *M. Bartlett Wright,                                  |  |
| Eleazer Peck,   | } St. James' Church, Derby.                |
| Samuel French,  |  |
| Samuel G. Cornell, Christ Church, Greenwich.          |  |
| Frederick Sill,                                       | } Christ Church, Middletown.               |
| *Jos. Barratt, M. D.                                  |  |
| Dr. Uriah Turner,                                     | } St. John's Church, Stamford.             |
| Wm. W. Holley,  |  |
| Lloyd Moss,   | } St. Peter's Church, Cheshire.            |
| Ambrose R. Barnes,                                    |  |
| John H. Smith, St. Mark's Church, New Canaan.         |  |
| James Williams, Christ Church, East Haven.            |  |
| Joel W. White,  | } St. Paul's Church, Windham.              |
| *Gideon Bingham,                                      |  |
| Joseph C. Sistare, St. James' Church, New London.     |  |
| Abraham Marks, St. George's Church, Milford.          |  |
| *Leavitt Pardee, St. Matthew's Church, East Plymouth. |  |
| U. S. Hayden, St. John's Church, Essexborough.        |  |
| Ira Hyde,   | } Christ Church, Quakers' Farms, (Oxford.) |
| Geo. A. Flagg,  |  |
| Thomas S. Shelton,                                    | } St. Paul's Church, Huntington.           |
| Elias A. Hall,  |  |
| Joseph L. Isbel,                                      | } St. Michael's Church, Naugatuck.         |
| Burritt S. Judd,                                      |  |
| Eli F. Rogers,  | } Trinity Church, Branford.                |
| *James Bradley,                                       |  |
| Samuel H. Judd,                                       | } St. John's Church, Waterbury.            |
| Ezra Stiles,  |  |
| Joel Foote,   | } St. Peter's Church, Hebron.              |
| *Wm. B. Graves,                                       |  |
| Asahel Curtiss,                                       | } St. Andrew's Church, Meriden.            |
| Edwin E. Curtiss,                                     |  |

Newel Johnson, St. James' Church, Westville.  
 Philo W. Jones, Christ Church, Westport.  
 Alexander Hamilton, St. John's Church, Bridgeport.  
 Zalmon Goodsell, St. Paul's Church, Brookfield.  
 Luzon W. Clark, { Christ Church, Trumbull.  
 \*Dr. Elijah Middlebrook, }  
 Dunning Babbit, St. Mark's Church, Bridgewater.  
 Horace Marshall, } St. James' Church, { Danbury-  
 Sherman Ferry, } and St. Thomas' Chapel, }  
 \*Francis H. Nichols, } Christ Church, Stratford.  
 Edwards Johnson, }  
 Joseph N. Clark, }  
 S. D. Pardee, } Trinity Parish, New Haven.  
 Enos A. Prescott, }  
 Emanuel Henriques, }  
 Elisha Tracy, } Christ Church, Norwich.  
 Joseph Backus, }  
 Levi L. Bigelow, } St. John's Church, North Haven.  
 David Blakesley, }  
 \*Samuel G. Braman, } St. Michael's Church, Litchfield.  
 \*Wm. Deming, }  
 Chester Hollister, } St. Luke's Church, Glastenbury.  
 \*Henry Dayton, }  
 Jared Bassett, } Grace Church, Hamden.  
 Jesse Tuttle, Jr. }  
 Joseph Gleason, Trinity Church, Chatham.  
 Elijah E. Shelton, Trinity Church, Bristol.  
 Philo Hard, } Christ Church, Watertown.  
 Henry B. Skilton, }  
 Wm. K. Keeler, St. Stephen's Church, Ridgefield.  
 Cyprian Nichols, } Christ Church, Hartford.  
 Wm. T. Lee, }  
 Edwin Hunt, St. Andrew's Church, New Preston.  
 Elisha E. Beardsley, St. Peter's Church, Monroe.  
 Charles B. Booth, } Trinity Church, Newtown.  
 Charles Clark, }

This Report being accepted, the roll of Lay Delegates was called, when a quorum was found to be present. Those with this mark (\*) prefixed to their names, were absent.

Mr. Levi N. Marks, from Christ Church, Bethany, having been duly elected, but appearing without the proper certificate, was on motion of the Pastor of that Church, admitted to a seat in the Convention.

The Rev. E. E. BEARDSLEY, was re-elected Secretary.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Holcomb, *Resolved*, That visiting Clergymen from other Dioceses, and the Clergy of our own not Canonically entitled to seats, be admitted to honorary seats in this Convention.

Whereupon the following Clergymen took their seats as honorary members.

Rev. B. O. Peers, {  
 " George W. Nichols, } From Diocese of New York.  
 " Samuel Nichols, }  
 " C. C. Townsend, from the Diocese of Ohio.

Rev. Alfred Louderback, from the Diocese of Pennsylvania.  
 " Joseph H. Nichols, do. do. Connecticut.

The Bishop then delivered his Annual Address, agreeably to the 51st Canon of the General Convention.

## ADDRESS.

### MY BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY, AND OF THE LAITY:

Through the abundance of that divine goodness, which will rest upon the Church till the end of the world, we are once more permitted to meet together in our Annual Convention. These marked periods in our ecclesiastical progress, are like landmarks on the current of time. They admonish us to reflect on the advancement we have made; they incite us to self-examination; they call our attention to our future course, and they demand the tribute of our grateful acknowledgments to that divine Being, whose good providence has conducted us on our way.

During the past year, the Church in this Diocese has been blessed with a good degree of prosperity. None of its Clergy have been removed by death. A remarkable degree of peace and union exists, throughout the several Parishes, and pervades the great body of the Clergy and Laity. There are no such diversities in regard to doctrine as should cause uneasiness, and no such differences of sentiment and feeling as should create alarm. In many of the Parishes a very encouraging degree of amination and interest has been evinced, in regard to spiritual things; and in all of them we may trust, that the deep and silent influences of the Holy Spirit have concurred with the faithful ministration of the Word and Sacraments;—sustaining and comforting the humble believer, and inciting the cold and the careless to the necessity of repentance, and the duty of a truly Christian life.

For a more detailed statement of the condition of the Diocese, I refer you to the Parochial Reports, which will presently be laid before you, and to the following brief summary of my official acts for the past year.

I have administered the Holy rite of Confirmation to 422 persons in the following Parishes, viz:

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| Glastenbury, (Two Confirmations.) | 16 | Danbury, . . . . .                   | 16 |
| New Canaan, . . . . .             | 12 | Derby, . . . . .                     | 7  |
| Stamford, . . . . .               | 9  | Humphreysville, . . . . .            | 9  |
| Greenwich, . . . . .              | 7  | Naugatuck, . . . . .                 | 7  |
| Wilton, . . . . .                 | 3  | Waterbury, (Two Confirmations.)      | 43 |
| Ridgefield, . . . . .             | 1  | Hamden, . . . . .                    | 5  |
| Reading, . . . . .                | 3  | New Haven, . . . . .                 | 31 |
| Norwalk, . . . . .                | 8  | Bristol, . . . . .                   | 5  |
| Westport, . . . . .               | 6  | Plymouth, (St. Matthew's,) . . . . . | 13 |
| Southport, . . . . .              | 11 | Plymouth, (St. Peter's,) . . . . .   | 16 |
| Newtown, . . . . .                | 14 | Wolcott, . . . . .                   | 3  |
| Huntington, . . . . .             | 3  | Meriden, . . . . .                   | 14 |
| Bridgeport, . . . . .             | 19 | Wallingford, . . . . .               | 8  |
| Stratford, . . . . .              | 15 | Simsbury, . . . . .                  | 17 |
| Westville, . . . . .              | 6  | Middletown, . . . . .                | 10 |
| Litchfield, . . . . .             | 7  | Chatham, . . . . .                   | 9  |
| Bradleyville, . . . . .           | 8  | Essexborough, . . . . .              | 12 |
| Bethlem, . . . . .                | 1  | East Haddam, . . . . .               | 1  |
| Watertown, . . . . .              | 14 | Hartford, . . . . .                  | 27 |
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The following Candidates for the ministry have been admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons, since the last Annual Convention, viz.: Isaac H. Tuttle, Charles Prindle, and Thos. L. Pitkin, (graduates of the General Theological Seminary,) on the 3d day of July, in Trinity Church, New Haven; Daniel Shepherd, on the 23d of August, in Christ Church, Hartford; Henry Townsend, on the 5th of October, in Union Church, Humphreysville; James R. Bayley, on the 23d of October, in Christ Church, Hartford; Sabura S. Stocking, on the 22d of December, in the same place; Sheldon Davis, on the 12th of April, in St. John's Church, Waterbury.

The following Deacons have, within the last year, been admitted to the Holy Order of the Priesthood, viz.:—The Rev. William B. Ashley, in St. Luke's Church, Glastenbury, on the 27th of August; the Rev. William Payne, in St. Michael's Church, Litchfield, on the 29th of September; the Rev. Nathaniel S. Richardson, in Christ Church, Watertown, on the 1st of October; the Rev. Robert M. Chapman, in Christ Church, Hartford, on the 22d of December; the Rev. Samuel T. Carpenter, and the Rev. Zebadiah H. Mansfield, in the same place, on the 18th of March.

This morning, in the presence of the Convention, I have admitted the Rev. Abel Nichols to the Holy Order of the Priesthood, and George L. Foote, to the Holy Order of Deacons.

On the 27th day of August last, the Rev. William B. Ashley was duly inducted into the Rectorship of St. Luke's Church, Glastenbury, by the Rev. George Burgess, appointed as the Institor; and on the 1st day of October, the Rev. Nathaniel S. Richardson was inducted into the Rectorship of Christ Church, Watertown—the Rev. Frederick Holcomb, D. D., former Rector of the Parish, being the Institor.

Only one new Church has been consecrated by me since our last meeting—St. James' Church, Westville. This is a neat and well arranged edifice—highly creditable to the zeal of the Parish, which has been recently organized in that place, under the auspices of the Rev. Stephen Jewett. A new Church in the south-east part of the Parish of Trumbull will be consecrated within a few days; and it is understood that the new brick Church, in the Parish of Cheshire, is nearly ready for consecration. In the Parish of Harwinton, which had been supposed to be nearly extinct, a new Church edifice is in progress, under the zealous ministrations of the Rev. Dr. Holcomb. A spacious and elegant new Church has also been commenced in the prosperous Parish of Norwalk.

The Diocese of Connecticut has long been distinguished for the number of her faithful Clergy and zealous Laymen, who have removed to other States, and have there been eminently instrumental in building up the institutions of the Church. We have no means of ascertaining the number of the Laity, who are thus emigrating every year; but I have now to record the names of thirteen Clergymen who have received dimissory letters since our last Convention, viz.:—The Rev. Lucius M. Purdy, the Rev. Daniel Shepherd, the Rev. Edward Ingersoll, and the Rev. Sheldon Davis, to the Diocese of New York; the Rev. Joseph D. Tyler, to the Diocese of Virginia; the Rev. Melancthon Hoyt, and the Rev. Charles Fox, to the Diocese of Michigan; the Rev. Lemuel B. Hull, the Rev. Charles Prindle, the Rev. Thomas C. Pitkin, and the Rev. James Mead, to the Missionary Diocese of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Kemper; the Rev. John H. Rouse, and the Rev. Thomas G. Salter, to the Eastern Diocese: ten of the thirteen being natives of the State of Connecticut.

Notwithstanding these removals, the list of our Clergy is somewhat larger than at the last Convention; owing to the ordinations which have taken place in the mean time, and the accession of five Clergymen from other Dioceses, viz.: the Rev. Samuel T. Carpenter, from the Diocese of Vir-

ama, the Rev. Robert M. Chapman, and the Rev. F. B. Woodward, from the Eastern Diocese; the Rev. Benjamin M. Yarrington, and the Rev. George S. Gordon, from the Diocese of New York.

The Rev. Edward C. Bull, the Rev. Charles W. Bradley, now officiating in this Diocese, are ecclesiastically connected with the Diocese of New York.

Fewer changes than usual have taken place in the location of the Clergy during the past year. This result is occasioned, in a good degree, by the increased strength of many of the Parishes, which has enabled them to make more permanent arrangements for the support of their Pastors.—Of the accessions to the list of the Clergy, the Rev. Samuel T. Carpenter has been appointed to the Rectorship of the Parishes of Sharon and Salisbury; the Rev. Robert M. Chapman, to that of Wallingford; the Rev. Isaac H. Tuttle, to that of Bethlem; the Rev. Henry Townsend, to the Parish of East Haven; the Rev. Sabura S. Stocking, to the Rectorship of the Parish of Meriden; the Rev. George S. Gordon, to the charge of the Parishes of New Preston and Washington; and the Rev. B. M. Yarrington, to the Parish of Greenwich.

Besides these new arrangements, the Rev. Hilliard Bryant, has removed to the Rectorship of Christ Church, Westport; the Rev. L. H. Corson, has accepted the charge of the Episcopal Academy at Newtown; the Rev. Samuel C. Stratton, has resigned the charge of the Parish of Newtown, on account of ill health; the Rev. Foster Thayer, has relinquished the charge of the Parish of Huntington; and the Rev. Servilius Stocking, has removed to the Parish of Wolcott.

The following persons are now Candidates for Holy Orders in this Diocese, viz: Pascal P. P. Kidder, Martin Moody, William G. French, Ephraim L. Perkins, John Riggs, William G. Morgan, William Atwill, Charles Gillet, John G. Hull, John Purves, George H. Nichols, John H. Cornish, Isaac D. Hubbard.

Charles W. Everest, late a candidate in this Diocese, has been transferred to that of North Carolina.

By recurring to the Journals of the Convention, you will perceive that in the years 1837 and 1838, the number of candidates for Holy Orders was 25. In 1839, the number was reduced to 18, and at present it has fallen to 13. I ascribe this diminution, in part, to the excitements of trade and speculation, during past years, which tended to give a more worldly bias to the minds of young men; partly to the reverses of fortune which have followed that period; and partly to the small compensation which the Clergy have received for their labours, in comparison with the other professions and occupations of men.

The Parochial Reports, which will shortly be laid before you, will present other interesting subjects for your consideration. I regret, however, that these reports, as we usually receive them, afford us so imperfect a view of the statistics of the Diocese. Parishes remote from the place of holding the Convention, especially the weaker Parishes, frequently omit to send either delegations or parochial reports, and many of the returns which are presented to us are found to be deficient in important particulars. It is obvious, therefore, that no very accurate estimate can be formed of the present condition of the Diocese, from these reports; nor of its comparative progress from year to year. These data, however, in connection with my personal observation, are sufficient to afford me satisfactory evidence that its increase is constant, and steady; and I trust that its spiritual advancement is not less certain than its outward prosperity.

Brethren, so long as we ourselves are faithful to our duties, we may rely on the promises of God for the welfare of the portion of his Church which

he has committed our care. For its doctrines, its ministry, and its sacraments, we are to rely on the Holy Scriptures alone; explained by enlightened reason, and by the assent of the universal Church in its earliest and purest ages. Its worship, discipline and usages, we are to preserve without innovation or change, as they were settled by the great English Reformers, and have been established by the wise Fathers of our own branch of the Church. By adhering to these principles, we shall pursue a course equally free from the errors of the Romish superstitions, on the one hand, and from the novelties and devices of sectarian dissent on the other.

With these principles steadily in view, I have been much less interested than many of my brethren, in the writings of certain distinguished Divines in England, which have become the theme of so much controversy, both in that country and in this. I have no belief that these writings will produce such effects, either for good or for evil, as are apprehended by those who are engaged in these controversies. In England, the Church, from its earliest organization, has been intimately connected with the State. Under such circumstances, it is not wonderful that many men should have become somewhat unmindful of its divine origin, and of the permanent obligation of divine institutions. The writings in question may have a salutary tendency in directing the public mind to the nature of the Christian Church, as it was founded by the Saviour and his Apostle, and to the sense in which its doctrines and usages were understood by its first defenders and martyrs. If the learned authors have sometimes manifested an undue veneration for the writings of the early Fathers of the Church, and an undue admiration for some ceremonies which were dropped at the Reformation, there can be little danger from their enthusiasm on these subjects, in a country of free discussion; and a nearer approximation to the truth will be the probable result in England, of the present controversy. I can not help thinking, however, that in that country, much of the heat of this controversy, and much of the interest which it has excited, have been occasioned by its connection with those party politics, and sectarian prejudices which prevail there. In our own country, the first of these causes can have no influence, and the latter must be much less strongly felt; and we should be unable to account for the sensation which the discussion has excited among us, were it not for the influence of those sympathies and antipathies, which, in the present state of intercourse, are so easily propagated across the Atlantic.

The circumstances under which our Church has grown up in this country, have led us to regard it in its true character;—not as a state establishment, but as a divine institution. As a minor denomination of Christians, too, we have been constantly compelled to act on the defensive; and have been more generally accustomed, than our English brethren, to refer its constitution to the appropriate scriptural authority, and its usages to those early Christian writings, by which they can be successfully defended.

Though I do not imagine that the Tracts referred to, or the discussions which have grown out of them, will lead to any material change of sentiment, in regard to the doctrines, discipline, or usages of the Church, as they are now received and practised by us, yet the writers will not fail to command our respect for their learning, their talents, and their piety. And if the controversies which they have aroused, both in England and in this country, are attended with some violations of Christian charity, it is to be hoped that the evil will be counter-balanced, in the ultimate elucidation and establishment of truth.

For ourselves, Brethren, we are much less concerned about new discoveries in religion, than we are to preserve, in their integrity and purity, the faith and worship which now pertain to our Church;—founded as they are in the Scriptures of truth, freed from the errors and incumbrances of superstition



by the reformation, and detached from all embarrassing alliance with the State, by the civil constitution of our country. We love *the Church as it is*: "*Nolumus mutari.*"

At the last Convention, I intimated my desire to address you in regard to the education of our youth, in connection with the institutions of the Church; but the subject has, in the mean time, been so fully discussed in our religious periodicals, that I need only present to you a few cursory remarks.

It may be the duty of the Church to provide suitable institutions, and means of instruction for the nurture of her youth, but it is obvious that the chief responsibility, in this matter, rests upon parents. Acting under this responsibility, it will be their primary duty to commend their infant offspring to God, in prayer, and to cause them to be incorporated into his family and household, by the Sacrament of Baptism. In this new relation they become "*members of Christ,*" "*children of God,*" and "*inheritors of the kingdom of heaven.*" In this relation they ought steadily to be regarded by their parents; whose duty it is to see that they are brought up "*in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.*" The children themselves, too, should be instructed in the nature of this covenant relationship, as soon as they are able to comprehend its import, and should be thoroughly grounded in all the duties and benefits which result from it. I fear, Brethren, that parents are often sadly deficient in this matter. I fear that the positive institutions of the Gospel, are too often but lightly esteemed, and that the Sacrament of Baptism, especially when administered to infants, is regarded as little better than an unmeaning ceremony. Hence we sometimes see parents, who are themselves professors of religion, who appear to entertain no just conception of the Christian character of their children; who regard them much as though they had never been baptized, and in a condition but little different from that of the heathen, till they shall become the subjects of some special religious excitement. These sentiments were not learned in the Church, to which we belong; and they are very different from the course of discipline and nurture which she has provided for her children.

There are parents who entertain juster views on this subject, but who are, nevertheless, too much disposed to delegate to others, a duty in which they ought to take a primary part themselves. Since the general establishment of Sunday Schools in our country, I fear it has become a growing fault with parents, to transfer to the Sunday School teachers, the entire religious instruction of their children, and feel themselves exonerated from the duty. But this is not in conformity with the injunctions of Scripture: "*Thou shalt teach my commandments diligently unto thy children; and shall talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.*" Besides, he who neglects this duty, foregoes one of the most interesting bonds which can secure to him the affections and the respect of his children. In confirmation of this sentiment, I may appeal to every person present, who has ever been taught the Catechism from the lips of an affectionate mother, or whose childhood was disciplined to the reading of the Scriptures, in expectation of the parental commentary. I regard Sunday Schools as a most valuable auxiliary, in carrying forward the religious instruction of youth;—no less salutary, indeed, to the teachers than to the children; but neither the parent, nor the Pastor, should relinquish the proper portion of the duty, which Divine Providence and the Church have specially confided to their charge.

But there are some practical questions, concerning the general education of youth, which deserve a particular consideration. The State of Connecticut has a munificent fund, devoted to the purposes of primary education. Nothing seems wanting, to give to this fund its fullest efficiency, but teachers properly qualified for their work:—and these can be secured only by

stricter supervision, and by greater liberality on the part of the people. But as Episcopalians constitute but a small minority of the people of the State, it will generally happen, (and without the influence of sectarian predilections,) that the teachers will belong to other denominations of Christians. Under these circumstances it has sometimes been made a question whether Episcopalians ought not to make special efforts for the education of their children, under auspices more favourable to the Church? So far as primary, or district schools are concerned, my judgment is decidedly opposed to any separation. In point of fact, little religious instruction is attempted to be given in these schools, but such as is acquired from reading the Scriptures; a matter in which all denominations of Christians are agreed. The principles of religious toleration, too, have become so generally diffused through the community, that I believe it is a rare thing for a teacher to use any direct efforts of a sectarian character; and any indirect influence may be easily counteracted by proper Christian instruction at home. Though childhood is a time in which religious impressions are easily made, it is not the period in which denominational partialities are usually formed.

Besides, the strength of a nation depends mainly on the union and harmony of the different classes of which it is composed. Every consideration of patriotism, therefore, as well as the higher principles of Christian charity, requires that all the religious denominations of which our Republic is composed, should act cordially together in all matters;—those only excepted, which are especially of a religious character. The association of the youth of the country, during the period of their primary education, as well as the free consent of their parents in superintending this business, and in conducting all the secular affairs of the community, must exercise a salutary influence in destroying sectarian and party prejudices, and in promoting the general union and common welfare.

In a very large portion of our community, the business of education is concluded at the District School. But the comparatively few who proceed from these primary Schools to the Academies and Colleges, are destined to fill the learned professions, and most of the other influential stations in society. With regard to this portion of our youth, the question now before us recurs, under a very different aspect. The time usually spent in these institutions—say from thirteen years of age to twenty, constitutes the most interesting and critical period of their life. It is during this period, that the characters of men, and especially their religious opinions, generally take their bias and direction. It is during this period, too, that external influences are most potent in their operation. And these institutions are, of all others, the places where such influences are the most powerfully concentrated. The young man's Academy, or his College, is his oracle. The public sentiment which prevails in it, is almost irresistible in its influence. I ascribe no proselyting spirit to professors and instructors. In general, they are far removed from any such imputation. But if their characters are such as to command the affection and respect of their pupils, their opinions, on all questions concerning morals and religion, are attended with an indirect influence, far more effective than any of the arts of proselytism. There are generally youthful zealots, too, connected with such institutions, who are not backward in making these opinions known, and in fostering their effects. The result generally is, that the young man embraces the religious views of the institution in which he is educated. In any event, he will not think any opinions decidedly erroneous, which are held by instructors, whose judgment he so highly respects, and whose characters he so greatly admires. In this view of the case, I hesitate not to recommend to every Episcopalian, who wishes to give his son a liberal education, and desires him to abide by the faith in which he was reared, that he fail not to send him to an institution under aus-

policies favorable to his own religious sentiments. This, indeed, is the practical conclusion to which all the denominations in our country have already arrived.

It is only within the last few years that Episcopalians have established any of these institutions of the higher grade. Their weakness for a long time prevented this consummation, and it was subsequently retarded by a mistaken liberality. But we have now well established Colleges, in several of the Dioceses. In this Diocese, a new Episcopal Academy has been erected in Newtown, with very favorable prospects of success; and the well established Academy at Cheshire is conducted in such a way as to ensure the general confidence. Washington College, at Hartford, is already remunerating the Church for the liberality which was put forth for its endowment. Every year its graduates are now coming forward to minister at the altar, or to fill the other professions of life, with usefulness and honor. With a beautiful location and eligible buildings; with all the essential means of instruction; and with an able and devoted Faculty, it is well deserving of the entire confidence and support of the Church.

The General Theological Seminary, the General Missionary Society, and the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge in this Diocese, have been brought fully under your consideration, on former occasions. At present, I have only time to commend them to your continued support.

In conclusion, I have to inform the Convention that, at my own request, I have been released from the Episcopal charge of the Diocese of Alabama.

THOMAS CHURCH BROWNELL,

*Bishop of the Diocese of Connecticut.*

*New Haven, June 9th, 1840.*

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Holcomb,

*Resolved*; That a Committee be appointed on the admission of new Parishes into union with this Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Holcomb, Rev. Wm. Watson and Thomas S. Shelton, Esq., were appointed this Committee.

S. D. Pardee, Esq. was appointed assistant Secretary, but declined the appointment as did also Mr. E. Henriques. Wm. T. Lee, Esq., of Hartford, was then appointed.

The Rules of order of the last Convention, were adopted, with a slight amendment, as the Rules for the present Convention.

#### RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced by prayer.
2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand, unless to address the chair.
3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention, unless he have leave from the house.
4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall with due respect address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.

6. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and shall not again be drawn into debate during the same session.

7. While the President is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk out of, or across the house, or read any book.

8. Every member who shall be in the Convention when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted; unless he be particularly interested in the decision.

9. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless it be seconded, and reduced to writing when required.

10. When any question is before the Convention, it shall be determined on before any thing new is introduced, except for adjournment.

11. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.

12. When the Convention is to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leave the chair.

The Rev. Dr. Jarvis, Secretary of the Standing Committee read an abstract of their proceedings, which is entered on the Journal of the Convention according to the provisions of the 6th Canon.

*Abstract of the proceedings of the Standing Committee, from the Convention of 1839, to the Convention of 1840.*

1. The first meeting according to the 9th article of the Constitution, was held on the day in which the Standing Committee was chosen, June 11th 1839. The Rev. Dr. Croswell was elected President, and the Rev. Dr. Jarvis, Secretary.

2. The second meeting was held on the 12th at Hartford, but adjourned to meet at New Haven, on the 19th of June. Canonical testimonials having been presented at the former in favour of John Purves, as a candidate for Holy Orders, were acted upon at the latter, and he was accordingly recommended to the Bishop.

3. The third meeting was appointed for July, 31st 1839, the day before the Commencement of Washington College; but a quorum not being formed, the meeting was adjourned to August 1st; present the Rev. Dr. Croswell, the Rev. Mr. Burgess and the Secretary.

Sabura S. Stocking, of the Wesleyan University, and George H. Nichols, of Washington College, were recommended to the Bishop, as candidates for Holy Orders. Daniel Shepherd, was recommended for Deacons', and the Rev. William B. Ashley, Deacon, for Priests' Orders.

4. The fourth meeting was held at New Haven, October 3, 1839: present the Rev. Dr. Croswell, the Rev. Mr. Burgess, and the Secretary. James Roosevelt Bayley, and Henry Townsend, received testimonials for Deacons' Orders, and John Hamilton Cornish, was recommended as a candidate for Holy Orders.

5. The fifth meeting was held at Meriden, December 20th 1839; present the Rev. Dr. Croswell, the Rev. Mr. Burgess, and the Secretary. Isaac G. Hubbard was recommended as a candidate for Holy Orders, Sabura S. Stocking, for the Holy Order of Deacons, and the Rev. Messrs. Robert M. Chapman, Zebadiah Hyde Mansfield, and Samuel T. Carpenter, Deacons, for that of Priests. Mr. Geo. Isbell, son of Mr. Isbell, of Westville, New Haven, was recommended to the Principal of the Episcopal Academy at Cheshire, as a beneficiary of that institution.

The Committee on the admission of new Parishes, made the following Report which was accepted, and the Parish therein named, admitted into union with this Convention.

The Committee on the admission of new Parishes into union with the Church of this Diocese, beg leave to Report, that they have examined the documents presented in reference to the organization of the new or revived Parish in the town of Harwinton, and find the same to be full and satisfactory, and recommend this Parish for admission into union with this Convention.

FREDERICK HOLCOMB.

WM. WATSON,

THOMAS S. SHELTON.

*Martin Cook*, a Delegate from the Parish of Harwinton, appeared and took his seat.

The Auditing Committee reported that they had examined the accounts of the Treasurer, of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, as well as the accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention Fund, and found them both correct. Report accepted.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Mead, *Resolved*; That so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the subject of education, be referred to a Committee, with instructions to enquire and report whether any and if any, what measures are necessary to render the educational system of the Church, more efficient.

Rev. Drs. *Jarvis* and *Totten*, and Rev. Messrs. *Beardsley*, *Burgess* and *Hallam*, were appointed this Committee.

The Rev. Mr. Chapin, offered to the consideration of the Convention, *two* Canons, which were read and referred to a Committee on Canons.

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Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 8 o'clock.

#### ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL, WEDNESDAY MORNING, 8 O'CLOCK.

The Convention having been called to order by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Brownell, Morning Prayers were read by the Secretary. The roll was then called, the minutes of the preceeding day read and accepted, and the Convention proceeded to the reading of the Parochial Reports.

Mr. *D. K. Crofut* appeared and took his seat as a Lay Delegate from Christ Church Reading.

The Parochial Reports being finished, the Secretary presented a Communication from the New York State Temperance Society, which was ordered to be laid on the table.

The Committee on Canons made a Report which was read, and the first Canon recommended by them was taken up, and after considerable discussion, a motion prevailed to lay the Report on the table.

*Resolved*; That when this Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet in this place at 3 o'clock, P. M.

6. The sixth meeting was held at Hartford, March 24th 1840; present the Rev. Dr. Croswell, the Rev. Mr. Burgess, and the Secretary. The President of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of South Carolina, having announced to this Committee the election of the Rev. Dr. C. E. Gadsden, as Bishop of South Carolina, the requisite testimonials were signed. The Rev. Henry Beers Sherman and Benjamin M. Yarrington, Deacons, were severally recommended for Priests' Orders. Pascal P. Kidder, and Sheldon Davis, received testimonials for Deacons' Orders.

7. The seventh meeting was held at New Haven, June 8th 1840; present the Rev. Dr. Croswell, the Rev. Mr. Burgess, and the Secretary. The Standing Committee in conference with the Bishop, performed the duty required of them by Canon xi. (1839) in preparing an accurate list of Clergymen entitled to seats in the Convention. They then adjourned till 8 o'clock, P. M., of the same day, when they signed the testimonials of Geo. L. Fests, A. B., Washington College, recommending him to the Bishop for Deacons' Orders, and those of the Rev. Abel Nichols, Deacon, recommending him for Priests' Orders.

Adjourned sine die.

SAMUEL FARMAR JARVIS, *Secretary.*

The Treasurer of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, then made a Report, which upon motion was referred to an auditing Committee.

Col. *Elisha Tracy* and *Joseph N. Clark, Esq.*, were appointed this Committee.

On motion, *Resolved*; That *Joseph Backus*, be appointed to assist Dr. Jarvis in receiving the monies for the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Chapin, *Resolved*, That the Secretary be appointed the Treasurer of the Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Short, from the Committee appointed at the last Convention to revise the Constitution of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, made a Report, which upon his own motion was laid on the table to be taken up to-morrow.

Treasurer of the Convention Fund, Reported the state of the finances, which report was referred to the auditing Committee.

On motion, *Resolved*; That the Rev. Mr. Short, be appointed to receive the sums due from the several Parishes, on the assessment for making up the deficiency in the Bishop's salary.

On motion of the Rev. J. L. Clark, *Resolved*; That immediately after divine service to-morrow morning, the Convention will proceed to hear the Parochial Reports, and continue to hear them until they are finished.

A Communication from the Connecticut Medical Society, was read and referred to a Committee, composed of the Rev. Messrs. *Chapin*, and *Burgess*, and *C. Nichols, Esq.*

The House then proceeded to the appointment of a Standing Committee for the ensuing year, which resulted in the choice of Rev. HARRY CROSWELL, D. D., Rev. S. FARMAR JARVIS, D. D., LL. D., Rev. GEO. BURGESS, Rev. FREDERICK HOLCOMB, D. D., and Rev. WM. C. MEAD, D. D.

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The Rev. Mr. Short offered to the consideration of the Convention, a Canon defining the qualifications of persons entitled to vote in Parish Meetings; which upon his own motion was referred to the Committee on Canons.

The Rev. Mr. Chapin was excused from serving on the Committee on Canons, and the Rev. Jacob L. Clark appointed in his place, Adjourned.

CHAPEL, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, when Mr. Samuel Jarvis, a Delegate from St. Paul's Church, Norwalk, and Mr. Norman A. Bidwell, a Delegate from St. Peter's Church, Oxford, appeared and took their seats.

The Rev. Mr. Chapin offered the following Resolutions which after a brief discussion were severally passed.

1st. *Resolved*; That this Convention approves of the transfer of the *Chronicle*, made by the Editor, with the advice and consent of the Supervising Committee; and also, of the change made in the title and character of the advertising page.

2nd. *Resolved*; That we renew to the present publishers, the pledges made to the Editor as the former publisher; and pledge ourselves as individuals, to use whatever means we can consistently with our situation and circumstances, to extend its circulation, and promote its interests.

3d. *Resolved*; That should the Publishers of the *Chronicle* find it consistent with their own interests to enlarge the paper, they be requested to do so, and that they may be permitted to make such changes, in its form and contents, as the Editor and Supervising Committee shall deem expedient.

The Report of the Committee for revising the Constitution of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, was called up, and being accepted, the following Constitution was adopted.

## CONSTITUTION

### OF THE

SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE,  
ADOPTED 1818, AND AMENDED 1822, 1825, 1830, 1831 AND 1840.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called, "The Connecticut Protestant Episcopal Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge."

ART. 2. The Society shall be considered as comprehending all the members of the Church in this Diocese, and shall be represented for all purposes by the members of the Convention.

ART. 3. The Bishop of the Diocese shall be *ex-officio*, President of the Society; and the Bishop and the Standing Committee shall constitute the Board of Directors. The Secretary and Treasurer of the Society shall be appointed by the Board.

ART. 4. The Board shall meet as often as the interests of the Society may require; and may take such measures as they may think expedient to obtain funds. They shall employ Missionaries within the Diocese; and may cause to be procured and distributed, or sold, Bibles, Prayer Books, and Religious Tracts, in such manner as they may think proper.

ART. 5. All monies received for the benefit of the Society, shall be sub-



ject to the order of the Board, and shall be appropriated to the purposes specified in Article 3. But any congregation or individual shall be allowed the privilege of designating the Church, station, or object to which one half of their contribution shall be applied; and it shall be appropriated by the Board accordingly.

ART. 6. The Board shall ~~make~~ an annual report of their appropriations and other proceedings to the Convention; and the Treasurer shall also make a report of the state of the funds, including the names of the several Parishes, which annually contribute, with the amount of their contributions; and also a statement of any donations received from individuals; which reports, or so much of them as the Convention may direct, shall be entered on the Journals.

ART. 7. At every Annual Session of the Convention, a Sermon shall be preached before the Society.

ART. 8. No alteration shall be made in this Constitution, without having been proposed to the Convention, at least one day before it is acted upon: and the Convention alone shall have power to make alterations.

On motion, *Resolved*; as the opinion of this Convention, that it is highly improper and inexpedient, to encourage the introduction into Schools or private families, any edition of the Holy Scriptures varying from the authorized English version, received and acknowledged in the Protestant Episcopal Church.

The Rev. Dr. Jarvis from the Committee on that part of the Bishop's Address, which relates to the subject of Education, presented the following Report which was accepted, and the accompanying resolutions passed.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the subject of education, beg leave respectfully to report, that their deliberations on the subject have resulted in the following views and resolutions.

There can be, they apprehend, but one opinion in the Church as to the general principles of its educational system. No *intellectual* cultivation can be safe, either for the welfare of the individual, or of civil society, unless it be accompanied by, and indeed based upon, *religious* cultivation. If our nation were united in those great principles of Apostolic faith and order which we hold as Churchmen, the education of all the children of the American republic, would assume a more exalted and perfect character, than any to which it can attain in the present divided state of religious opinion and practice. But unhappily, there is no prospect of religious union; and the question as regards our children is, shall they be deprived of the intellectual advantages offered by the Connecticut Public Schools, improved as they are likely to be by the untiring exertions of intelligent and experienced men, because they will there have no religious instruction, and be exposed to the danger of influences hostile to sound and primitive Christianity. The Committee deliberately answer, No. They do not indeed disguise from themselves the magnitude of this danger. It is confessedly great; but like all the other evils which intercourse with the world produces, it is to be met by correctives, and increased exertions on the part of parents, guardians, masters, sponsors and pastors. While the children attend the public schools, let the parents or other guardians, redouble their diligence to fortify the minds of their children against these extraneous impulses. Let mothers especially devote a portion of every day to religious instruction, in hearing their children repeat "the Creed, the Lord's prayer and the ten Commandments, and all other things which a Christian ought to know and believe, to his soul's health." Where the mothers are incapable of this, let it be done by those pious persons who

acquire the right and the privilege of parental supervision, by becoming sponsors. Let masters instruct their apprentices, and above all, let the Clergy be active. Let the Sunday Schools be conducted entirely under the direction of the Parish Clergy, assisted by such persons as they may appoint for that purpose. Let them be careful to exhort parents to co-operate with them, and see that all the children of their parishioners attend punctually and steadily. Let it be understood that the lessons for the Sunday School are to be learned at home during the week, and that if they are not learned the parents or other guardians are responsible. In this manner we may diminish an evil which we cannot entirely remedy. Let the Clergy of each Parish visit the public schools; and let it be known that they feel it to be their right and their duty to inquire if any measures are taken in them, by sectarian teachers, or by other children to lead astray the tender lambs of their folds. We have a right as Churchmen to guard our children; a right common to all, and generally recognized. Let us not from timidity, or from any other cause, refrain from exercising it.

After children have passed beyond the common schools, the whole subject assumes a different aspect. Such of them as are designed for Classical education, go next to Academies and Colleges. Let Churchmen patronize their own institutions. All similar institutions are now by tacit and common consent, under the influence of particular denominations. If we send our children, where their religious faith is in danger of being perverted, we have no one to blame for it but ourselves. Let the Clergy exert themselves by persuasion and remonstrance, to induce the laity in their respective cures, not to sacrifice to convenience or to fancied intellectual advantages, the spiritual welfare of their children. Let there be if possible in each County, an Episcopal Academy or other school established; and let these serve as preparatory schools to Washington College. Let the College obtain that place in the hearts of Connecticut Churchmen, which it deserves to have. Let it be made the center from which sound Church principles shall emanate through the whole Diocese. Let us by united efforts make it what it ought to be; and we shall soon perceive by its reflex action, the vigour which under God's blessing it will diffuse through the Diocese. Nay further; from the influence of a Connecticut population flowing constantly into the new States of our union, the Church at large is interested in supporting our institutions. The Episcopal Academies and Schools, and Washington College are situated at the very springs of emigration. In proportion as sound Church principles are extended in Connecticut, a healthier stream will flow, and flow more abundantly so as to make glad the city of our God. In conclusion, the Committee recommend to the Convention to adopt the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*; That it be recommended to all parents, guardians, and masters who have apprentices entrusted to their care, and sponsors who by the consent of parents have presented their children for Holy Baptism that they redouble their care and diligence in teaching their children themselves the first principles of the doctrine of Christ; and that they use like care and diligence in seeing that their children attend punctually and steadily the Sunday Schools of their respective Parishes.

2. *Resolved*; That it be recommended to the Clergy to take the entire oversight and charge of their Sunday Schools, appointing such persons only to be teachers in the same, as by examination or otherwise, they may know to be pious and competent to instruct.

3. *Resolved*; That it is the duty of every member of the Church in this Diocese to unite in establishing or improving if already established Episcopal Academies or other schools, for the higher instruction of youth, and not to expose the children of the Church to be perverted by sectarian influences.

4. *Resolved*; As the sense of this Convention, that it is the duty of every member of the Church in this Diocese, and the interest of all other Churchmen to promote the welfare of Washington College.

All which is respectfully submitted.

S. FARMAR JARVIS,  
SILAS TOTTEN,  
E. EDWARDS BEARDSLEY,  
GEORGE BURGESS,  
R. A. HALLAM.

The Rev. Mr. Burgess from the Committee appointed at the last Convention, to "examine a series of books prepared by the Rector of Trinity Church, New Haven, and such other books as they might deem expedient, for the use of Sunday Schools and Catechetical Classes," made the following Report which was accepted, the accompanying resolution passed, and the Committee discharged.

The Committee appointed "to examine a series of books prepared by the Rector of Trinity Church, New Haven, and such other books as they may deem expedient for the use of Sunday Schools and Catechetical Classes," beg leave to report, that they have examined the series of books prepared by the Rev. Dr. Croswell; and that, while they deem it inexpedient on general grounds, that this Convention should formally recommend any private work and while they are not themselves prepared to approve without qualification, every statement in so extended, a system of instruction, they would yet submit to the Convention, for its adoption, the following Resolution:

*Resolved*; That the plan of a series of systematic, religious instruction, adapted to the successive stages of childhood and youth, which are found in our Sunday Schools and Catechetical Classes, has been in general happily exhibited and followed in the series of books entitled "The Young Churchman's Guide;" and that this Convention have entire confidence in the character and merits of a manual prepared by an author of so much pastoral experience and wisdom.

As the other portions of the subject referred to the Committee, embrace so wide a field as not to admit their action without much delay, they beg leave to be discharged from any further duty.

T. C. BROWNELL,  
SAML. FARMAR JARVIS,  
WM. COOPER MEAD,  
GEORGE BURGESS.

The Convention, then, resolved itself into the Church Scholarship Society—the business of which being finished, the Convention again organized—when the Committee on Canons made a verbal report, that it was inexpedient to act, at this time, upon a Canon placed in their hands, defining the qualifications of persons entitled to vote at Parish Meetings. Report accepted.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Croswell,

*Resolved*; That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of applying to the Legislature, for the passage of some act suited to the organization of the Episcopal Church, and to report the same to the next Convention.

Rev. Dr. *Cronnell*, Rev. Dr. *Jarvis*, Rev. Mr. *Burgess*, Hon. W. W. Boardman, R. S. Hinman, Esq., and Hon. E. Jackson, were appointed this Committee.

The Committee on the application of the Medical Society made a verbal Report, and at their request were discharged.\*

*Resolved*; That one thousand copies of the Journal be printed.

The amendment to Article IXth, of the Constitution proposed at the last Convention was passed as follows:

The Standing Committee shall be elected at the Annual Convention, and shall be composed of five Clerical members, who shall be Rectors of Parishes, or Instructors in some Seminary instituted by the ecclesiastical or civil authority of this Diocese, and in case of any vacancy occurring in said Committee, by death, removal, or resignation, the remaining members shall have power to supply said vacancy, until the next Annual Convention.

On motion, *Resolved*; That the Rev. Secretary, Messrs. Chapin and Bennett be a Committee to superintend the printing of the Journal.

The minutes were then read, and after the usual devotions, and the benediction of the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

T. C. BROWNELL, *Bishop of the Diocese of  
Connecticut, and President of the Convention.*

E. EDWARDS BEARDSLEY, *Secretary.*

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[\* The Rev. Mr. Chapin, Chairman of the Committee, was unexpectedly called away from the Convention, and did not join in the report.]

## APPENDIX, NO. I.

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### ABSTRACT OF THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

The Bishop reports, that during the past year the Church in this Diocese, has been blessed with a good degree of prosperity; that none of the Clergy have been removed by death, and that a remarkable degree of peace and union exists throughout the several Parishes, and pervades the great body of the Clergy and Laity—that the rite of Confirmation has been administered to *four hundred and twenty-two* persons; that *nine* candidates have been admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons, and *seven* to that of Priests; that *two* Clergymen have been instituted, and *one* Church consecrated; that *thirteen* Clergymen have taken letters dimissory from the Diocese; that *five* have been Canonically received into it; that *five* have resigned their cures, and *four* have been transferred to other stations within the Diocese; that there are *thirteen* candidates for Holy Orders, and that *one* has been transferred to another Diocese.

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### PAROCHIAL REPORTS,

ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED.

#### ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, GLASTENBURY.

REV. WM. BLISS ASHLEY, RECTOR.

Families, 80; baptisms 14, infants, 6, adults, 8; confirmed, 16; communicants—added, by removal, 2, anew, 17; lost, by death, 3, by removal, 3, error in last year's report, 1; whole number at present, 100; marriages, 2; burials, 11; Sunday School—teachers, 17, scholars, 83; missionary and other charitable contributions, \$74.16.

This Parish, under the divine blessing, continues to flourish. The regular Sunday services of the Church, have been attended by a large congregation, who have listened to the preached Gospel, with increasing attention. Extra services were held twice on each week during the season of Lent, which however, I regret to say, were not as numerously attended as last year; if the Rector thought this indicated a decrease of sober and constant piety among the people of his charge, he would be troubled above measure. On the first Sunday in Advent, a Bible and Liturgy class was formed among the young people of both sexes; in which the third number of the Rev. Dr. Croswell's Young Churchman's Guide, was used as the text book. This class is still kept up, and its exercises, I trust, have been blessed to the spiritual improvement of all those who have been regular in their attendance. During the latter part of the winter, an unusual degree of seriousness seemed to pervade the congregation, from which the Rector was led to anticipate a much larger

accession to the Church than was actually made; whether this were owing to his own unfaithfulness in labours, or to a want of prayerful co-operation on the part of professing Christians, the last great day will determine. It will be seen from the preceding statistics, that the number of communicants has increased; and it is humbly trusted that the spiritual keeps pace with the numerical growth of the Parish.

[REV. ASHBEL BALDWIN : no Cure.]

### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, NORTH GUILFORD.

REV. DAVID BALDWIN, MINISTER.

Families, 38; baptisms—infants, 8; communicants, 42; burials, 3. Since the meeting of the last Convention, I have officiated in this Church 36 Sundays, Thanksgiving day, Christmas day and Ash Wednesday. In this Parish there has been no great alteration since the report last year. The congregation are united, harmonious and generally attentive to the worship and ordinances of God's house.

### UNION CHURCH, KILLINGWORTH.

REV. DAVID BALDWIN, MINISTER.

In this Church, since the last Convention, I have officiated 15 Sundays, and on Good Friday, administered the Lord's Supper 5 times, and baptized one infant.

### ST. PETER'S CHURCH, CHESHIRE.

REV. E. E. BEARDSLEY, RECTOR.

Families, 52; baptisms—infants, 1; communicants—added by removals, 2, anew, 3; lost by death, 6, suspended, 1, removals, 9; whole number, 84; marriages, 1; burials, 8; Sunday School—teachers, 9, scholars, 40; missionary and charitable contributions, \$35,11; \$7 of it to the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge.

The new brick Church which has been erected during the past year by this Parish, will be ready for consecration in a few weeks. My services, which, as reported at the last Convention, are *gratuitous*, have been necessarily, owing to my other engagements, confined principally to the pulpit. It is hoped that as soon as the Church is completed, and relieved from embarrassment, the Parish will be enabled to procure a Clergyman who will quicken the zeal of its members, and make up for any deficiency in the ministrations of the present Rector.

Every Sunday evening a Bible class is held in the Academy for the united benefit of the students and the congregation.

[REV. L. T. BENNETT.]

See report of Rev. H. Croswell.

[REV. GEORGE BENTON.]

Missionary to Greece.

### UNION CHURCH, HITCHCOCKSVILLE.

REV. SILAS BLAISDALE, MINISTER.

The Church in Hitchcocksville, is at once a striking and a pleasant object to the eye of the Christian traveller, as he winds his way along the romantic

and precipitous banks of the Farmington river. And, when he is apprised that this goodly edifice was erected by the sacrifice of the careful and laborious earnings of a few individuals, in the vicinity, aided by the contributions of the members of the Episcopal Church throughout the Diocese, his feelings of approbation are not diminished, nor his desire for the spread of the gospel in this almost heathen land, less ardent.

But here ends all, that is pleasing or grateful to the Christian, in reference to this place. It is a superficial view only, that is attended with agreeable and animating associations, in connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church in Hitchcocksville.

The population residing within a mile of the Church, is supposed to be between four and five hundred. The constant attendants at Church, are from twenty to fifty persons. The other means of grace besides what the Church affords to this community, are Methodist and Baptist services on every other Sunday. The first is held in the village; the other, two miles distant in Colebrook.

The number of actual communicants at present, is 6; baptisms—infants, 1; marriages, 1; burials, 1; Sunday School—teachers, 4, scholars, 20; monthly offerings, \$6,63; contributions to the support of a minister last year, \$45; amount subscribed, \$217,00.

### CHRIST CHURCH, WESTPORT.

REV. H. BRYANT, RECTOR.

I took charge of this Parish at Easter last, since which time I have officiated regularly on Sunday, but have performed no other clerical duties. The Parish contains, families, 60; communicants, 57; Sunday School—teachers, 15, scholars, 70.

From what I can learn, the present condition of the Parish, is not in all respects so favourable as it has been in years past, but I see no insurmountable obstacles to its future prosperity.

### CHRIST CHURCH, HARTFORD.

REV. GEORGE BURGESS, RECTOR.

Families, 290; baptisms—infants, 50, adults, 7; confirmed, 27; communicants—added, by removals, 37, anew, 24; lost, by death, 5, removals, 33; present number, 431; marriages, 9; burials, 38; Sunday School—teachers, 39, scholars, 226; missionary and charitable contributions, \$14,79.

The services which have been habitually held in the Parish during the year, besides the morning and evening services on Sunday, have been a Bible class for young men on the same evening, and evening prayers and a lecture on Wednesdays. Both of these have been well attended, especially by the younger portion of the Parishioners. During the season of Lent, the Church was opened every Wednesday for morning prayer, and every Friday for evening prayer and a sermon.

Within the year, the noble tower of the Church has been completed, and furnished with a large and melodious bell. The Parish is indebted to private munificence for a beautiful baptismal font and Episcopal chair.

Notwithstanding the large dimensions of the Church, it is insufficient to afford accommodation for any material increase of the present congregation. There has been no striking change in the spiritual condition of the Parish. The Rector is happy in the belief that it has enjoyed, in some measure, the continual dew of heavenly blessing; while he is deeply sensible

the return of grateful zeal, on the part of his people, or of himself, is proportionate to the extent of that blessing.

### CHRIST CHURCH, OXFORD.

REV. DANIEL BURHANS, D. D., MINISTER.

Families, 40; baptisms—infants, 1; communicants, 2; added, 1; lost, by death, 1; present number, 35; marriages, 2; burials, 2; Bible class, 15; Sunday School—teachers, 10, scholars, 40; The Female Society is still undiminished in their benevolent exertions for the Church.

I have officiated in this Parish 18 months. For the year past, my increasing infirmities have prevented me from the discharge of any duties farther than preaching about three Sundays out of five. On Easter Sunday last, convinced of my inability longer to discharge the duties of my office, I closed my ministerial labors, having performed them, in the strength of the Lord, 48 years. On reviewing the past, and the present, and anticipating the future prosperity of the Church, I can not but repeat the language of good old Simeon, "Now Lord let thou thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation."

[REV. RIVERIUS CAMP: no Report.]

### CHRIST CHURCH, SHARON.

REV. S. T. CARPENTER, RECTOR.

Families, 35; communicants—added, anew, 3; lost, by death, 1; whole number, 54; marriages, 1, burials, 4; Sunday School—teachers, 9; missionary and charitable contributions, \$20.00.

### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, SALISBURY.

REV. S. T. CARPENTER, RECTOR.

Families, 66; communicants—added, by removals, 2, anew, 2; lost, by death, 1, whole number, 35; burials, 2; missionary and charitable contributions, \$16.33.

In addition, it may be proper to state, that it is less than a year, since my connection with this charge took place, and of course my work is scarcely begun.

I found the Church in *Salisbury*, very much depressed. They had enjoyed divine service but a few times, for more than two years; while difficulties arose from old debts, which seemed to be in the way of further exertion, and the flock had become scattered, as sheep without a shepherd. My first service was but a poor specimen of my ability to serve them, as I fainted from indisposition, in the midst of the Litany, and preached my sermon, while shaking with the ague; but with renewed strength, by the blessing of God, in the brightening prospects before us, I have been much encouraged, from a good attendance, and general disposition to support the services of the Church, with patience to labor in faith and hope.

In *Sharon*, the Church had been regularly opened for lay service, but they had been without a minister nearly a year, and with no one to care for their souls, the congregation no longer held together, but some became indifferent to the holy services of the Church, and others joined the Methodists. Such efforts have been made, it is believed, as will, by the blessing of God, be successful in the resuscitation of his Church.



I have preached from house to house, especially for the benefit of old people, who are unable to get to the house of God. These services have been desired by the people, and the Church has given promise of renewed vigor. Bible classes have been conducted between services, and Sunday Schools have been started, in both Churches; but with these imperfect reports, the most we can say, is, we live in hope that we shall be renewed by the Holy Ghost,—that God will pour upon us a spirit of grace and supplication,—and that the great Head of the Church will graciously bless his *praying people*.

This charge is remote, and with no Clergyman near, and I have occasional calls for services, of a missionary character, in the adjoining towns.

It should be added, that the ladies of these Parishes have recently organized themselves into working societies for purposes of benevolence and piety, and their prospects of usefulness, are very encouraging.

### ST. JAMES' CHURCH, WESTVILLE.

REV. A. B. CHAPIN, RECTOR.

Families, 29; baptisms—infants 12, adults, 3, total 15; confirmed, 6; communicants—added by removals, 5, anew, 6; present number, 25; marriages, 1; burials, 3; Sunday School—teachers, 8, scholars 35; missionary and charitable contributions, \$21.25.

This Parish was organized and admitted into union with this Convention, in 1835, with a very small number of families. From that time, until July 1838, the only clerical services performed there on Sundays, was rendered gratuitously by the Rev. S. Jewett, who continued to officiate one half the time, until Feb. 1839, when he was prevented by ill health, and has not since been able to resume his labors. The present number of families is *twenty nine*, but would in all probability have been more, had not the difficulties in the commercial world crippled the energies of many individuals in the place, and by throwing men out of business, compelled them to leave. There are, however, several other families who are in the habit of occasional attendance at Church, but who cannot be properly counted as belonging there. Our house of worship, which was completed in May, 1839, was Consecrated on the 17th of September. The expense of the house and land, was something over \$4,000, of which about \$800, is now due. This sum has all been subscribed once, but has been lost through the same commercial difficulties above spoken of. In this particular they stand in great need of aid and assistance, from their more favored brethren.

If we may judge from the *fruit*, there is in many respects, an encouraging state of things, in a *spiritual* point of view. Public service on Sunday is well attended, by a congregation, whose devout and serious attention to the institutions of religion, and the services of the Church, give good hope, that there is an inward and corresponding preparation of heart and engagedness of soul. Occasional services, have also been well attended. A Lecture was delivered every Wednesday evening by the Rector, and a Lecture read by a Layman, every Friday evening, during the season of Lent, and a daily service held through Passion Week. With the exception of Good Friday, these services were held in the evening, and all were well attended, by a devout and serious congregation. All the special occasions of public worship, appointed by the Book of Common Prayer, since that time have been observed; and as far as we can judge, with decidedly beneficial results.

In the observance of the Saints' days, a great variety of facts, relating to the Scripture history, and the history of the Church, not especially appropriate for other seasons, were brought before the congregation.

## CHRIST CHURCH, WEST HAVEN.

REV. A. B. CHAPIN, LATE MINISTER.

Families, 37; baptisms—infants, 1; communicants—lost, by death, 1, present number, 36; burials 1; Sunday School—teachers, about 5, scholars 25; missionary and charitable contributions, \$4.00.

My connection with this Parish was temporary, commencing June 1839, and terminating January 1st, 1840. Arrangements were made last year to repair the Church in this Parish, but the commercial difficulties arrested the plan, and the Parish is now waiting the return of better times, to enable them to go forward with the execution of their design. In the mean time, they will probably have only occasional services.

The cause of this Parish has been presented to the public, in a centennial Sermon, and the claims which it has upon the sympathies and support of their brethren in other places, has interested many in its favor. It is hoped that they will succeed in completing their house in the course of the present year, if the times will allow.

Since the first of January, I have preached in several other Parishes, during the time I have not been occupied. I have preached three times in Branford, baptizing one child, and administered the Holy Communion once.

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WALLINGFORD.

REV. ROBERT M. CHAPMAN, RECTOR.

The present Rector became connected with this Parish in September last; since which time he has baptized 4 adults and two infants. Eight persons have been confirmed, and 6 admitted to the communion; marriages 4; burials 4.

The condition of the Parish seems somewhat improved over what it has been of late years; but there is in it yet more to hope for, than to rejoice at. [Families, (1838,) 97; communicants 65.]

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WATERBURY.

REV. J. L. CLARK, RECTOR.

Families, 165; baptisms—infants, 25, adults 6; confirmed, 41; communicants—added by removals 9, anew 48, lost by death, 6, removals, 18, whole number, 247; marriages, 7; burials, 26; Sunday School—teachers 50, scholars 248; missionary and charitable contributions for objects without the Parish, \$531.28, distributed as follows—to the Christian Knowledge Society, \$60; to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, Foreign Committee, \$61.72; Domestic Committee, \$50; to the Church Scholarship Society, \$162; from the Juvenile Sewing Society, to educate a child under the care of the Rev. Dr. Savage, at the African Mission, \$20; from the children of the Sunday School, to be appropriated chiefly to a similar object, at the same Mission, \$27.46; for the benefit of a mission station in the Diocese of Illinois, \$20; I have now in hand, to be transmitted to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, \$117.10. I ought to observe that \$60 of the above sum, has been paid by the ladies sewing society. A weekly lecture is regularly held in the Church, and occasional services in remote parts of the Parish. Our Parish has been severely tried by the pecuniary embarrassments, so general in the country, but it is hoped that the temporal loss has been doubly repaid with spiritual blessings. The Rector has had the happiness to see a very general and earnest inquiry on the great subject of the soul's interests,

among his people, the past year, and records, with devout gratitude to God, its manifest effects in an increased devotion to the ordinances and institutions of the Church.

### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH BRIDGEPORT.

REV. GURDON SALSTONSTALL COIT, RECTOR.

Families, 298; baptisms—infants, 23, adults, 6; confirmed, 19; communicants—added, by removals, 7; anew, 49; lost, by death, 9, by removals, 4, whole number, 264; marriages, 19, burials 44; Sunday School—teachers, 26, scholars, 160; Bible class, 30; missionary and charitable contributions, \$644.95.

Notwithstanding the large accession to the communion of this Church, during the last year, about the same number of communicants is reported, as at a former Convention. The reason is, that I have had no reference, in this, as in other reports, to the list of Communicants kept by former Rectors, but have reported those only as communicants, of whom I have personal knowledge.

The Parish is harmonious and flourishing. There has been an unusual attention to religion during the past year; nor does it seem to be subsiding. Many have confessed the faith of Christ crucified, and many more are anxiously inquiring the way of salvation. God speed the work!

[REV. N. E. CORNWALL: no Report.]

[REV. L. H. CORSON: no Report.]

### ALL-SAINTS CHURCH, WOLCOTT.

REV. JOSEPH S. COVELL, RECTOR.

Families, 28; communicants, 47; baptized—adult, 1; marriages, 2; confirmed by the Bishop at his last visitation, 3; charitable contributions, \$8.76, which has been applied to purchase books for the Library.

As I resigned the charge of this Parish at Easter, my report is not full. This Parish though somewhat weakened by removals, is in a prosperous condition. It is well united and in harmony. And I am happy to learn, that since my resignation, they have secured the services of a Clergyman the whole time.

### TRINITY CHURCH, BRISTOL.

REV. JOSEPH S. COVELL, RECTOR.

The number of families, belonging to this Church, that may be considered as legal members, is only 12, and 20 more that purchase slips, making the whole number, 32; communicants—added, anew, 9, by removals, 6, lost by death, 1, by removal 4, present number, 52; baptisms—children, 2, adults, 3; confirmed by the Bishop at his last visitation, 5; funerals, 4; Sunday School—teachers, 9, scholars, 39; Bible class, 25; missionary and charitable contributions, \$27.86; \$9 has been appropriated to the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge; \$13 to Domestic Missions, and the remainder to purchase books for the Library.

At Easter, arrangements were made for my officiating again in this Parish, the whole time. Since that time, the congregation has very much increased, and a spirit of encouragement and animation prevails. Through the liberality of the members of the Parish, and our friends in town, a hall

weighing 645 lbs., has been purchased and hung in the Tower; and by the liberality of two individuals of the Parish, a house has been built on the lot near the Church, which is designed for a home for the Rector. During the season of Lent, this Church was opened for divine service every Wednesday, and on Friday, a service was held in the different districts of the Parish. There has been an unusual degree of religious sensibility amongst us, and our Lent services have been attended with increased interest, and I feel fully convinced, that wherever this practice is zealously and thoroughly observed, it will under the Divine blessing, serve to increase and keep alive a true spirit of Apostolic piety and order.

### PARISH OF TRINITY CHURCH, INCLUDING TRINITY CHURCH AND ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL, NEW HAVEN.

REV. H. CROSWELL, D.D., RECTOR; REV. L. T. BENNETT, ASSISTANT.

Baptisms—infants, 53, adults, 7; confirmed, 31; marriages, 30; burials, 54; Bible class, 70; missionary and charitable contributions, \$1504.05.  
[Families, [1839,] about 670; communicants, over 700.]

[REV. E. J. DARKEN; no Report.]

[REV. G. C. V. EASTMAN; no Report.]

### TRINITY CHURCH, CHATHAM.

REV. SAMUEL M. EMERY, RECTOR.

Families, 109; baptisms—infants, 25, adults, 4; communicants—added, by removal, 6, anew, 8, lost, by removal, 4, death, 5; present number 106; confirmed, 9; marriages, 6; burials, 11; Sunday School—teachers, 16, scholars, 109; contributions—Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, \$30.00; otherwise appropriated, \$340.00.

In addition to this sum, \$492.24 has been expended in painting and repairing the Church, of which \$241.00 was raised by subscription.

While in the midst of a population, a portion of which is constantly changing, the number of families, legally and actually, belonging to the Parish, remains nearly the same from year to year; our usual congregation of worshippers is continually increasing. On many of the public prayer days, the Church has been opened for divine service, which has usually been well attended, as has also been the case with other occasions of public worship, both in Church, and at private houses in remote parts of the society.

It is believed, the Parish was never more united and prosperous than at present; and it is hoped, that its outward prosperity is not far in advance "of the inward and spiritual grace," of which the Church, under the nurturing care of her divine Head, is the appointed guardian.

### PARISH OF GRACE CHURCH, HAMDEN.

REV. HENRY FITCH, RECTOR.

Families, 51; baptisms—infants, 7, adults, 1; confirmed, 5; communicants—added by removals, 2, anew, 6; whole number, 58; marriages, 3; burials, 1; Sunday School—teachers, 5, scholars, 27; Bible class, 12; missionary and charitable contributions, \$36.38.

A comparison of the Parochial Report for the past with that of the preceding year, will show a decided advance of this Parish, in prosperity.

Though the number of families has not increased, yet there has been a larger attendance upon the services of the sanctuary on the Lord's day, and on such special occasions of public worship as have been observed, than at any period since my connection with the Parish. During the season of Lent, lectures were held in various parts of the Parish on Wednesday and Friday evenings of each week, and it is believed with much spiritual profit to the people. The system of monthly offerings is continued, and with gratifying results. For the measure of prosperity, which as a Parish, we have enjoyed; we would devoutly express our gratitude, to the great Head of the Church, and pray that he would yet more abundantly bless us with all spiritual blessings.

#### ST. PETER'S CHURCH, HEBRON.

REV. ALPHEUS GEER, RECTOR.

The number of families in this Parish, is about 43; baptisms—adults, 1, infants, 4; communicants—removed, 4; present number, 38; marriages, 4; burials, 3.

On account of a temporary suspension of services in Church, our Sunday School has not yet been organized. Contributions for the Christian Knowledge Society, \$4.25.

[REV. CALEB I. GOOD: no Report.]

#### ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PRESTON.

REV. GEO. S. GORDON, DEACON, OFFICIATING MINISTER.

My connection with this Parish, which receives one half of my services, commenced on the 11th of August, 1839, being the 11th Sunday after Trinity. As no Parish records were left by my predecessors, I requested a vestryman to form a list of families and communicants; and on this list my report will be founded. Families, (added, 10, removed, 2,) 56. In addition to these there are 5 or 6 who are considered connected with the Parish, but whose presence in the Church has not been noticed. Baptisms—children, 5; confirmed, 7; communicants—added, by removals, 6, anew, 4; lost, by removals, 2, death, 1; present number, 48; marriages, 8; burials, 9, 4 of which, were by the Rev. E. Huntington, of New Milford, in my absence. There has been neither Bible class nor Sunday School in the Parish since my connection with it. I have given notice for the commencement of both on the next Sunday of Divine service. The Parish is considered, by those acquainted with its former condition, to be in a prosperous state.

#### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WASHINGTON.

REV. GEO. S. GORDON, DEACON, OFFICIATING MINISTER.

This Parish, for the last two or three years, has been connected with St. Paul's Church, Woodbury, having service only one fourth of the time. Since my connection with it which commenced in August last, they have had service one half the time, with the assistance of \$50 from the Christian Knowledge Society. As in New Preston, so in this Parish, I found no records of its condition. The changes however, have not been material during the last year. Families, 22; I have no means of ascertaining the exact number of communicants. The communion has been administered only once, in consequence of a continual succession of stormy Sundays during

the past winter. This circumstance has considerably affected the congregation in attendance. Marriage, 1; no burials, baptisms, nor confirmations of individuals connected with the Parish. The efforts made by the members of this congregation for the support of public worship, have been truly commendable. Few in number, but united in spirit, they have determined, with the blessing of God and the assistance of the Christian Knowledge Society, to sustain services half of the time, during the coming year. May they experience the truth of the declaration, "The liberal deviseth liberal things, and by liberal things shall he stand."

[REV. J. M. GUION: no Report.]

### ST. JAMES' CHURCH, NEW LONDON.

REV. ROBERT A. HALLAM, RECTOR.

Families, 77; baptisms—infants, 7, adults, 2; communicants—added, by removals, 4, anew, 1; lost, by death, 2, removals, 8; present number, 82; marriages, 4; burials, 17; Sunday School—teachers, 16, scholars, 80; missionary and charitable contributions, \$306.75; divided as follows: Christian Knowledge Society, \$19.91; General Missionary Society, \$89.09; General Theological Seminary, \$30.00; Church Scholarship Society, \$80.00; Collinsville, Illinois, \$30.00; Poquetonnuck, \$26.00; Pomfret, \$22.75; Salem, \$10.00.

The year which has passed away has yielded no remarkable changes. Although the accession to the number of communicants, have been very few, it is believed that the number would have been somewhat greater, if an opportunity of receiving confirmation had been enjoyed. And it is supposed that whenever such an opportunity shall be presented, some will embrace it, who will also be prepared and disposed to approach the Lord's Table. Evidences are afforded of a character to warrant the belief, that the Parish, both in temporal and spiritual things, continues to make slow and gradual, but steady and solid advances.

### ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WOODBURY.

REV. SOLOMON G. HITCHCOCK, MINISTER.

Families, 55; baptisms—infants and children, 10; confirmed, 6; communicants—added, by removals, 3, anew, 5; lost, by removals, 2; present number, 48; burials, 6; Sunday School—teachers, 11, scholars, 51; Bible class, 13; missionary and charitable collections, \$29.00; subscribers to the Chronicle of the Church, 28.

During the past year, this Parish has, for the first time since its organization, been supplied with the entire services of a clergyman. Towards enabling its members to sustain the enlarged amount of their pecuniary assessments, which such an increase of their ministerial services has rendered necessary, assistance has been received from the Christian Knowledge Society. A donation of \$15, has also been received from a member of Christ Church, Stratford, and another of \$25, from a lady in the Parish of St. Paul's Church, Huntington. Efforts are making to secure, if possible, the same amount of religious services for the year to come, and if the aid of the Christian Knowledge Society, shall be continued, or the sympathy of some one of the wealthier Parishes be enlisted in our behalf, the Parish will be enabled to succeed in accomplishing the object of their wishes. The experience of the past year has taught us, that there are many advantages to be derived from the undivided services of a clergyman, and that there is nothing at present, which

promises to be more conducive to the growth and spiritual welfare of our congregation, than to be able to command the whole time and attention of a minister. The attendance of our people upon the religious services of the sanctuary on the Lord's day, and other holy days, which are appointed by the Church, to be observed in the Book of Common Prayer, has been manifestly increasing.

During the past winter, much attention has been paid by the young members of the congregation to the cultivation of sacred music, and the improvement which has been made in it, together with the introduction of a complete set of chants from Dr. Wainwright's collection of Church Music, has added much to the interest and beauty, as well as to the devotional solemnity of our public services.

Through the medium of their Sewing Society, the ladies are doing much to improve the appearance of the Church, and to promote the comfort of its worshippers. The practice of taking monthly offering collections, has been continued. The condition of the Parish, upon the whole, may be considered as encouraging.

#### — HARWINTON.

##### REV. F. HOLCOMB'S REPORT.

If the report which, as a clergyman of this Diocese, I am now required to make to this Convention, be adapted to the circumstances in the case, it will necessarily assume something of a missionary character. And still, although my labors as a minister have been bestowed on just such a field, with some at least, of its usual discouragements and trials, I know not that I have been regarded as a regularly appointed missionary, in the Diocese, other than that I have had, what to me was of much worth, because it never failed to inspire me with courage and confidence, the advice and consent of my Bishop. Besides this, I have had the evidence of facts, and consequently the approbation of my own conscience, that I was doing something, although I confess too little, for the cause of Christ, in the extension of his Church.

My ministerial labors during the last conventional year, and till Easter, were confined to the town of Harwinton. Having previously ascertained the probable result of another attempt to establish a Church permanently in that place, and as I thought, "counted the cost," I made to the people, with a full knowledge of their wishes and feelings on the subject, a proposition to preach to them, all the Sundays till Easter, provided, that in the meantime, a society might be organized anew in the place, and the necessary arrangements made for erecting a Church for the worship of Almighty God. This proposition was acceded to, and very laudable and praiseworthy exertions made on their part, to fulfill its conditions. Accordingly, on the 22d of July, 1839, they met, and after organizing themselves into a Parish, took a vote to build a Church edifice in that place, and as far as possible, at their own expense. This was for them a great work; and in the execution of it thus far it has laid their united strength and resources under a heavy contribution. The work, however, goes on, and I trust, will, to its completion, *cheerfully, unitedly and zealously*. They are deserving of a Church, and I venture, without the spirit of prophecy, to predict, that by the blessing of God on their endeavors, they will have a Church.

The frame work of a Church, was raised in the month of April last, and is now in progress towards its final completion, with an expectation that it will be ready for consecration early in the month of September next.

Thus, it will be perceived, that a Parish has been organized in Harwinton, and that its members have a reasonable prospect of soon having a

Church of their own. The Parish consists of about 20 families, who, together with other occasional attendants on the service, make up a congregation of from 75 to 100 attentive, and apparently, devotional hearers. Communicants, 25; burials, 2; marriages, 2. I now commend this little Parish to the Christian fellowship of the Church in this Diocese, and for their continued peace and prosperity, they have my most earnest prayers to God.

#### — NORTHFIELD.

REV. F. HOLCOMB, OFFICIATING MINISTER.

Since Easter I have officiated one half of the Sundays, at their request, in the Parish of Northfield, made vacant from that time by the Rev. Mr. Tuttle's acceptance of a call from the Parish of Bethlem, to confine his services to that place. Families, as stated to me by a leading member of the Parish of Northfield, 36; communicants, 40; Sunday School—teachers, 10, scholars, 46. The Rev. Mr. Tuttle's report is now referred to for any further information respecting this Parish. Marriages, 1.

#### ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, NAUGATUCK.

REV. OLIVER HOPSON, RECTOR.

Families, 85; baptisms—infants, 10, adults, 2; confirmed, 7; communicants, 71; added, by removals, 7, anew, 8; lost, by death, 1, removals, 7; marriages, 7, burials, 5; Sunday School—teachers, 20, scholars, 100; missionary and charitable contributions, \$34,60. Christian Knowledge Society, \$4,40; Foreign and Domestic Missions, \$6,50; other objects, \$23,70.

At no period, perhaps, have the prospects of this Parish been more encouraging than they are at present. At our last annual meeting, held on Easter Monday, efforts were made to extinguish the Parish debt, amounting to about \$450,—a debt which was contracted in building and repairing the Church; and the efforts then made, and those which are still making, will soon, there is every reason to believe, be crowned with entire success. It is also, with much satisfaction, and gratitude to the Giver of all Good, that the minister is able to report an apparently increasing interest in the Parish, in the cause of the *religious* education of the young. Parents are beginning to feel more deeply the importance of bringing their children into a covenant relation with God by the rite of baptism, and instructing them in the obligations of that covenant rite, and in accordance with the doctrines and discipline of the Church. These evidences of the prospects of the Parish, together with the increasing attendance upon the regular and occasional services of the Church, the flourishing state of the Sunday School, and the additions which have from time to time been made to the communion, which have been sufficient to more than double the number of communicants during the space of the last four years, notwithstanding several deaths, and *many* removals; while they afford reason for believing that our "labors in the Lord" have not been hitherto entirely in vain, afford also ample motives for continued and still more vigorous exertions.

It ought not to be concealed, however, that another and less encouraging view of the state of this Parish might be given. There are those—*many* such—belonging to this Parish, who *exhibit* a growing indifference to every thing of a religious nature, whom the most trivial excuses are sufficient to keep from the house of God, and who, as they appear to have little regard for their own spiritual welfare, exhibit no less indifference respecting the spiritual and eternal interests of their children. May the merciful God *convert* the sinner, awaken the careless, and make all our *waste* and *desolate places* like the garden of the Lord.



## CHURCH, MIDDLEBURY.

REV. OLIVER HOPSON, RECTOR.

Families, 22; communicants—added, by removals, 1; lost, by death, 1, removals, 4; present number, 21; burials, 2; Sunday School—teachers, 6, scholars, 25; missionary and charitable contributions, \$10.07; Christian Knowledge Society, \$4.00, Church Scholarship Society, \$3.00, Foreign and Domestic Missions, \$2.07, other objects, \$1.00.

This Parish during the past year, has lost several valuable members by removal. What has been *our* loss, however, we trust has been *others'* gain: The services of the Church have regularly been held in this place on every Lord's day. The Sunday School, though small, is flourishing. The plan of monthly offerings, has been followed with success, and the members of the Parish are still zealous in holding fast the faith once delivered to the Saints. I would recommend this devoted and interesting little band, to the continued fostering care of the Christian Knowledge Society.

## ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, RIDGEFIELD.

REV. WARNER HOYT, RECTOR.

Families, 65; baptisms—infants, 6, adults, 1; confirmed, 1; communicants—added, by removals, 5, anew, 4; lost, by removals, 6, by death, 2; present number, 98; marriages, 3, burials, 5; Sunday School—teachers, 15, scholars, 65; Bible class, 19; offerings of the Church, \$19.00.

The present Rector took charge of this Parish early in July last; since which time little has occurred in its history worthy of especial comment.

The Church is perfectly united and evidently in a healthy condition, and present indications, give fair promise of its increase.

An association of individuals composed for the most part of communicants of the Church, completed last fall a very neat and commodious Parsonage at an expense of about \$2,250.

The spirit manifested by the Parish, in this, as in many other matters, is the more commendable, as there are connected with it, but few individuals favored to much extent, with the possession of wealth.

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, NEW MILFORD.

REV. E. HUNTINGTON, RECTOR.

This Parish, by the blessing of God, may now be considered as one of those where permanent services may be maintained during the whole year without any very burdensome tax being levied on the members which now attend the services of the Church. At Easter the demand for pews was beyond the present amount of the accommodation in pew room. The Sunday School numbers about 100 scholars. The number of families who may be considered Episcopalians, in connection with the Parish, is about 100. This however, would not be a correct criterion by which to judge of the amount of Parish duty required of the Clergyman, or Church influence which exists in the town. I think that two thirds of the population are in the habit of calling for Episcopal services more or less. The number of communicants on the Church record is 126. The number of communicants, who have come to the table of the Lord with us for the first time during the past year, is 10; baptisms, 5; 1 adult, and 4 children; burials, 17, marriages, 12; about \$100 have been raised in the Parish for objects of benevolence. Out

of the Parish viz. \$12 for Bishop Chase's College, in Illinois; \$21.65 for the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. The balance for Domestic Missions.

### ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, MILFORD.

REV. E. J. IVES, MINISTER.

Families, 25; baptisms—infants, 5, adults, 1; communicants, 40; burials, 2, marriages 1; Sunday School—teachers, 8, scholars, 25.

In consequence of the removal of many zealous and influential families, the pecuniary strength of the Parish has become so much reduced as not to admit the support of *divine* service all the time.

Notwithstanding the severe loss experienced by their removal, the zeal of the remaining few is undiminished.

In addition to my regular days of performing divine service on every other Sunday, I have attended to extra official duty during the season of Lent, and I have reason to believe that my labors have been blessed, as some are now in readiness for confirmation and the Holy Communion.

### CHRIST CHURCH, MIDDLETOWN.

REV. S. FARMAR JARVIS, RECTOR.

The Rector delivered his third annual address to his parishioners, giving an account of the state of the Parish, and of his ministrations for the past year, on Easter Monday, April 30th, 1840. Of that document, he presents to the Bishop the following abstract.

Number of families at Easter, 1840, 80; baptisms, 19, all children; communicants—2 died, 7 removed, 9 added anew, and 10 by removal; total, 85; actual increase since last year, 10; burials—infants, 6, adults, 8, of which 4 only belonged to the Parish, total, 14; marriage, 1. The Sunday School during the past year, has had from 10 to 15 Catechists. The number of Catechumens has varied but little since last year. The want of male teachers has been sensibly felt, and has occasioned a falling off in the number of boys, whose parents do not belong to the Parish.

The offerings of the Church during the year ending at Easter, amounted to \$119.84, as follows: contributed at the last annual Convention to the Christian Knowledge Society, \$28.07; amount of the Christmas oblation, \$57.08; amount of the Easter oblation, \$34.69; of the whole sum, the Sunday scholars contributed \$5, and the ladies missionary society, not far from \$40. Since Easter there has been the May offering, \$4.85, and a contribution for the Christian Knowledge Society, of \$10.41, of which the Juvenile missionary society contributed \$1.50. The sums so collected since the last Convention, have been divided as follows:

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| From the Christmas oblation, a special grant to the Church at Salem,                                 | \$10.00 |
| To Domestic and Foreign Missions, distributed as follows:  |         |
| Diocese of Michigan, \$10; Illinois, \$10; Texas, \$10;  |         |
| Africa, \$10,  | 40.00   |
| To the Christian Knowledge Society, including the contribution since Easter for that special object, | 52.18   |
| To the Church Scholarship Society, the offering in May,  | 4.85    |

\$107.03

On the whole, the Rector considers the situation of his Parish as prosperous. There have, it is true, been secessions from it, but in every instance it

has been of persons who felt no affection for the outward order, or inward spirituality of the Church. This is evident from the simple fact that with scarcely an exception, the persons so seceding and their children, were unbaptized.

The Church, in her Apostolic and Catholic character, is the only barrier against the growing spirit of sectarianism. But unless we ourselves uphold the institutions of our Lord and his Apostles, in their purity, that barrier will be greatly weakened. It is not the numbers, but the spiritual mindedness, the holy zeal, the ardent charity of those who profess and call themselves Churchmen, a name synonymous with Catholic Christians, which can build up the waste places and cause the moral desert of the world to blossom as the rose. In this respect we have in our Parish much to amend. Among our male members especially, there is too much worldly-mindedness, too much indifference to the one thing needful. But we take courage in the hope that a change is going on; that there is more seriousness and a deeper conviction of the inestimable value of Divine Institutions.

There has been an increased attendance upon public worship. During the past year, agreeably to the resolutions of the convention of 1839, the Church has been opened for divine services on all festivals and Saints' days, and every day in Passion week. During Lent, the evenings of Sunday, Wednesday and Friday, were devoted to a course of lectures on the right method of interpreting the Scriptures, and expositions of the Apostolical Epistles. The attendance has been greater than in any preceding year; and in proportion as the habit has increased of attending where "prayer is wont to be made," an increase has taken place in the spirit of devotion. The strict observance of the institutions of the Church, has received that blessing which is its usual accompaniment. A deeper and more extended conviction is felt, that men should go to Church, not from fashion, or to gratify their fancy or their taste, but to partake of the means of grace, and thereby to increase and excite the hopes of glory.

[REV. WILLIAM JARVIS: no Report.]

[REV. S. JEWETT: no Report.]

#### WASHINGTON COLLEGE.

REV. A. JACKSON.

In accordance with a Canon of this Diocese, I would report to the Convention, that during the past year, I have been engaged in the duties of instruction in Washington College. I regret that these duties do not allow me to attend the present session of the Convention.

#### CHRIST CHURCH, BETHANY.

REV. ISAAC JONES, RECTOR.

Number of families, 110; baptisms—infants, 13; communicants—added, 14, died, or removed, 10; present number, 115; marriages, 14; burials, 16; Sunday School—teachers, 11, scholars, 45.

The Rev. Mr. Rouse, resigned the Pastoral care and charge of this Church, April 19, 1840. I received an *unanimous* call to the Rectorship, May 23, 1840, accepted it, and communicated the same to the Bishop. In assuming this care and supervision, I remark, in justice to the Parish, that there is apparently much seriousness and devotion, and that the assembly is numerous

and increasing. There is a large band of the young to instruct "in the way they should go," and the one in which they would profit. A Sunday School was organized on the 24th of last month, now consisting of 30 scholars, and on the increase; and will, probably, number the present year, between 60 and 70. A Bible class is about to be shortly established, in union with a Sacred Musical Society, which will combine instruction with praise, and which gives cheering prospects of good success. In relation to the rite of confirmation, and the neglect of adult baptism, I am unable to state. In relation to the state of the Parish, the Rector adds, that, in the advancement and maturity of his years, he asks for the prayers of his brethren, the Lord being his helper, that he may be eminently instrumental in advancing the interests of this portion of Zion, that it may be so enlarged and beautified, as to be an ornament to the Church universal.

### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WAREHOUSE POINT.

REV. E. H. MANSFIELD, RECTOR.

Baptisms—infant, 1, adult, 1; marriages, 2; burials, 5; collections for purposes within the Parish, \$11.17; Sunday School—teachers, 6, scholars, about 40.

In addition to the usual services of the Lord's day, a familiar course of expository lectures on the gospel of St. Matthew, has been given, a part of the year, on Sunday evening. Though no considerable additions have been made to the communion, there has been an increasing interest felt in the public means of grace, evinced by the increasing number of those who attend our services. A degree of liberality in providing for the support of a resident Clergyman, has been manifested on the part of the members of the Parish, highly creditable. This Parish embraces, only a little flock, but one dear to the Redeemer, and under this conviction, their present minister cheerfully labors to break to them the bread of life.

[Families, (1835,) 45; communicants, 15.]

[REV. TRUMBULL MARSH: no Report.]

### ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, NORWALK.

REV. WM. COOPER MEAD, D. D., RECTOR.

Baptisms—infants, 13, adults, 3; confirmed, 8; communicants—added, by removals, 6, anew, 8; lost, by death, 6, removals, 3; present number, 132; marriages, 4; burials, 25; Sunday School—teachers, 36, scholars, 150; Bible class, 80; missionary and charitable contributions, \$250.

In the Parish, there are 25 subscribers to the "Chronicle of the Church," 14 to the Spirit of Missions; 15 to the "Journal of Education;" 72 to the "Children's Magazine;" and 25 to the "Religion of the heart and life." There have been added to the Sunday School library, 93 volumes. The Sunday School is in a flourishing state; great faithfulness has appeared in the teachers; and a corresponding interest, and improvement in the scholars. The usual catechetical instruction has been given to the children during Lent.

Extra services have been held during that portion of the year. The attendance on public worship, has been large during the year, and there is an evidently increasing interest manifested on the subject of religion.

A new Church edifice has been contracted for, which will cost, with the improvements connected with it, between ten and eleven thousand dollars. The corner stone is to be laid on Tuesday the 16th inst. and the building is to be completed by the 24th of December of the present year. The new

Church will be 55 feet wide by 77 feet long, exclusive of the tower and vestry room.

[REV. A. NICHOLS: no Report.]

### ST. MARK'S CHURCH, NEW CANAAN.

REV. DAVID OGDEN, RECTOR.

Families, 60; baptisms—infants, 21, adults, 5, whole number, 26; confirmed, 12; communicants—added by removals, 1, anew, 14, lost by removal, 1, by death, 1, present number, 78; marriages, 3; burials, 7; Sunday School—teachers, 15, scholars, 68; missionary and charitable contributions, \$35.00.

The statistical table here given, shows a considerable increase within the year past. A far larger number of baptisms has taken place than is usual in a Parish of this size, and more perhaps than can be expected in any one year for some time to come. Many families, owing probably to the want heretofore of stated services, and the ministrations of a settled Clergyman, had entirely neglected this holy ordinance. The subject, however, being presented to their minds, and its importance urged, their prejudices and disinclination here readily yielded to their sense of duty. Throughout the winter, there has been held a weekly Bible lecture, average attendance at which has been about 30, consisting chiefly of the young. More than ever am I persuaded, even from my own little experience, that the Clergy should more generally look to the religious education of the youth within their Parishes, to seeing them well grounded in the doctrines, discipline, and usages of the Church. It is doubtless from want of it, that so many, under the adverse circumstances of their Parish Church, or from other trivial causes, forsake the faith, and the old paths of their fathers. It has been said, and I am ready to express my belief in its truth, that no one *thoroughly indoctrinated* in the principles and practices of the Church ever left it, for what is called, a more congenial and spiritual mode of worship. During the season of Lent, I held a regular Wednesday evening service in Church, which was well attended; as also every day in Passion Week, the result of which I cannot but believe will prove somewhat beneficial to the Parish at large. May God in his mercy, pour down upon us the dew of his heavenly blessing.

### CHRIST CHURCH, NORWICH.

REV. S. B. PADDOCK, RECTOR.

The number of families belonging to it, is probably between 140 and 150; the number of baptisms has been—infants, 12, adults, 2, whole number, 14; communicants—added, 18, lost by removal, 10, by death, 6; present number, 142; marriages, 10; burials, 18; Sunday Schools—teachers, 26, scholars, 150; missionary and charitable contributions, \$270.80.

The blessing of God continues to rest on this portion of his vineyard. Though we have nothing remarkable to report, yet both the outward and inward appearance of the Church indicates a healthy state of things. The pews are all taken up, and several more are called for. Of course, the congregation is at a stand; at present, as it respects increase.

Harmony pervades the society, and a more than ordinary interest in spiritual things appears recently to have been manifested.

## ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, LITCHFIELD.

REV. WM. PAYNE, RECTOR.

Families, 92; baptisms—infants, 7, adults, 1; confirmations, 7; communicants—added, by removals, 5, anew, 10, lost, by death, 5, by removals 1, present number, 102; marriages, 3; burials, 13; Sunday School—teachers, 12, scholars, 90; missionary and charitable contributions, Christian Knowledge Society, \$50, other purposes, \$73.15; total, \$123.15.

A comparison of these statistics with those of the last year will show, that if numbers be a true index, this venerable Parish continues to increase and improve slowly and gradually. Situated among an intellectual, reading, and refined people, and in a town where population is stationary, it cannot be expected to be moved by many excitements, or to exhibit many changes. What it needs is patient and persevering labor on the part of its minister; and this, with the blessing which Almighty God has vouchsafed to it, will, it is firmly believed, result in a deeper realization of the saving truths of his Gospel, and a more correct appreciation of the institutions of his Church, in the hearts of the community. May the Lord give his weak and unworthy servant, grace to discharge this duty to a people to whom he feels himself a debtor, not only for Christ's sake, but also on account of the innumerable tokens of affection which he has experienced from their hands.

## ST. JAMES' CHURCH, POQUETONUCK.

REV. DEXTER POTTER, RECTOR.

Communicants, 25; baptisms, infants, 1; burials, 4; Sunday School—teachers, 8, scholars, 30.

During the past year, I have labored arduously for the spiritual improvement of the people, here committed to my charge. In addition to the regular services in Poquetonuck; I have gone to adjacent school houses, and held a third one, which has generally been well attended. I have also had weekly lectures on Wednesday evenings.

But we regret to say, that our spiritual condition, is not as good as we could desire. There is great need of the quickening influences of the blessed Spirit among us, that we may walk in the comforts of the Holy Ghost, and be multiplied. Let us hope however, that under a faithful use of the appointed means, he will yet come to our assistance, and make the Catholic Church here, the joy and excellency of many generations.

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## CHRIST CHURCH, WATERTOWN.

REV. NATHANIEL RICHARDSON, RECTOR.

Families, 125; baptisms—infants, 12; confirmed, 14; communicants—added by removals, 4, anew, 9, lost by death, 3, removals, 8; present number, 138; marriages, 6; burials, 16; Sunday School—teachers, 18, scholars 182; Bible class, average attendance, 50; missionary and charitable contributions—avails of monthly offerings for 1839, \$145.08, ladies charitable society, \$30.00, total amount, \$175.08.

The assessments for the Bishop's fund, have been paid. An appropriation has also been made in behalf of the Connecticut Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, as required by Canon VII.

Some difficulty has been found in reporting the precise number of families belonging to the Parish, from the want of any specific test of membership. The number of families reported is believed to be rather under than over a correct list.

Within the past year, the subject of infant baptism has received special attention. It has been ascertained, that the sentiments so prevalent at the present day, without the bounds of the Episcopal Church, respecting this sacrament, are not without their influence within the limits of this Parish. A very large number of children are as yet unbaptized. The Sunday School is in a flourishing condition under the superintendence of the senior warden. In connection with the Sunday School, a class has been formed for the purpose of studying the evidences of Christianity—which class is proceeding prosperously under the supervision of a thoroughly educated professional gentleman. Blake's Conversations on the evidences of Christianity has been adopted as the text book. One object aimed at in the formation of this class was to interest in serious things, a portion of the congregation at that period of life, when the Sunday School is usually deserted. It is attended by between thirty and forty persons, married and unmarried, a majority of whom are young men. The number belonging to this class, is included in the above report of the Sunday School.

For the building up of this people in the *faith* and *order* of the Gospel most reliance has been placed upon the ordinary appointed means of grace. During the season of Lent, the Church was open for prayers on Wednesday morning and Friday evenings, with preaching at the evening services. In Passion Week, these services were more frequent. Occasional evening services have been held in the outskirts of the Parish.

Within the past year there has been no unusual interest in this community on the subject of religion. The plain truths of the Gospel however, have been listened to with attention, and in a few instances, the delightful privilege has been enjoyed of pointing the enquiring soul to the Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world. For each of these marks of God's infinite love, as well as for every other blessing, with which an unworthy ministry has been crowned, God's holy name be praised, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MONROE.

REV. RODNEY ROSSITER, RECTOR.

Families, 50; baptisms, 7; communicants—added, anew, 3, lost by death, 2, removals, 1; present number, 61; marriages, 7; burials, 9, to these may be added, 5 in a vacant neighbouring Parish, or not belonging to the Episcopal Church, Sunday School—teachers, 9, scholars, 50; missionary and charitable contributions, \$29, Domestic Missions, \$13; Foreign Missions, \$13, Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, \$3.

[REV. T. S. SAVAGE.]

Missionary to Africa.

#### ST. JAMES' CHURCH, DERBY.

REV. JOSEPH SCOTT, RECTOR.

Families, 110; baptisms—infants, 11, adults, 2; confirmed, 7; communicants—added, by removals, 2, anew 7; lost by removals, 2, by death, 5; present number, 130; marriages, 7; burials, 18; Sunday School—teachers, 12, scholars, 100; missionary and charitable contributions, \$40.

Nothing of particular interest has transpired in this Parish during the last year. Its condition continues to be prosperous. There is a good attendance upon the stated and occasional services of the Church, and our communions have been more fully attended than usual, the last year. For our continued

peace and prosperity and every blessing, thanks be given to the great Head of the Church.

### ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WINDHAM.

REV. HENRY BEERS SHERMAN, RECTOR.

Families, 83; baptisms—children, 4, adults, 3; communicants, present number, 13; burials, 3.

Concerning the present state of the Parish, I am happy to report a good degree of improvement during the past year. This is manifested in a growing attention to the institutions of the Gospel, and an increasing attachment to the distinctive features of the Church. The special occasions for public worship, appointed by the Liturgy, have been uniformly observed, and the services well attended. No Sunday School has yet been organized in the Parish; as the children are catechized by the minister on each Lord's day during the summer.

On the whole, the state of the Parish is prosperous; and though in a Christian sense, for the most part, fallow ground,—indicative of a steady growth. We think it may be safely said of the condition of the Parish generally, that at no period of its history, have its prospects appeared more favorable.

### ST. JAMES' CHURCH, DANBURY, AND ST. THOMAS' CHAPEL, BETHEL.

REV. D. H. SHORT, RECTOR.

Families, 94; baptisms—infants, 5, adults, 5; confirmed, 16; communicants—added, by removals, 2, anew, 19, lost, by removal, 1, by death, 3; present number, 94; burials, 7; marriages, 2; Sunday School—teachers, 15, scholars, 50; contributions, \$33,80.

Since the last Annual Convention, little has occurred in this Parish which requires particular notice. As heretofore, the number of communicants has been steadily increasing. And when we look back and compare the present state of the Church with its former condition, our heart swells with gratitude to Almighty God, for the degree of prosperity which he has seen fit to bestow upon this once humble Parish. Four years have not elapsed since the present incumbent entered upon the duties of the Parish, yet the number of communicants has been more than doubled. This however affords no ground for self congratulation. The Great Bishop and Shepherd of souls once said to his Apostles, "One soweth and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labors; other men labored and ye are entered into their labors." "And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal; that both he that soweth, and he that reapeth may rejoice together." Neither is this ground of rejoicing any just occasion for human exultation. "Paul may plant, and Apollos water, but God giveth the increase." "So then neither is he that planted any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase."

Although two families have removed, and one which last year was reckoned as belonging to the Parish, has ceased to attend; yet the number of families is not diminished. Of the six additional families enumerated, two are from other denominations, two are by the formation of matrimonial connexion, and two by removal. This statement however, if it were not qualified, would convey an erroneous impression respecting the real condition of the Parish. This includes many families not baptized, and who do not profess any strong and decided attachment for the peculiar doctrines of the



Church; and I am sorry to be compelled to add; for any particular form of Christianity; yet as they give the Church their preference on account of her uniform character, and the regular order and comeliness of her worship, and contribute to her support; attend her worship, when they attend any where, and call upon the minister of the Church for any services which they deem necessary; it was thought proper to include them in this report. The number of male persons legally connected with the Parish is only 40.

Since the beginning of the last season of Advent, there has been a minute observance, as far as circumstances would permit, of the special seasons and days of the Church, and it is thought with decidedly beneficial results. Since the deeply interesting services of Lent, Passion Week, Good Friday, and Easter Day, there has been manifested a much more lively interest in the services of the Church; the congregation has been unusually full, and there has also been an increased attendance of the young people. This latter effect, however, may in some measure be ascribed to the improvement which has recently been made in the style and execution of Church music, and the effort to adapt, as much as possible, this music to the various seasons of the Church. One effect of the observance of the days and seasons of the Church has been, instead of exciting the prejudices, and arousing the opposition of Christians of other denominations, to increase their respect, and to win their admiration for the system of worship adopted by the Church for the improvement of her members in Christian knowledge and their growth in grace.

As an evidence of the zeal of this Parish for the due celebration of divine worship we can not omit to mention the purchase of an entire new set of communion service for the Chapel, at an expense of not much less than fifty dollars. May the Great head of the Church continue to increase the zeal of the members of this portion of the Church militant, not for external things only, but also for that inward holiness of heart without which no one can be fitted to enjoy the happiness and glory of the Church triumphant.

#### UNION CHURCH, HUMPHREYSVILLE.

REV. JOHN D. SMITH, RECTOR.

Families, 115; baptisms—adults, 3, infants, 8; communicants, added by removals, 5, anew, 5; died or removed, 9; present number, 72; confirmed, 9; marriages, 9; burials, 12; Sunday School—teachers, 13, scholars, about 60; contribution to the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, \$5.

This Parish still continues its connection with that of St. Peter's, Oxford. On account of the effect produced on many of the members of this Parish, by the general prostration of business, it was thought expedient to continue this connection, though in the estimation of many, it is abundantly able to sustain clerical services the whole time. The Parish is free from debt, and a considerable sum is raised above the amount paid for the support of a Clergyman. The Church has not pews enough to accommodate all the families that desire a seat in it. Were it otherwise, a much larger amount might be raised than is at present. The general attendance at Church is very encouraging.

#### ST. PETER'S CHURCH, OXFORD.

REV. JOHN D. SMITH, RECTOR.

Families, about 60; baptisms—infants, 10; communicants—added, anew, 1, died or removed, 4, present number, 40; marriages, 2; burials, 6; Sunday School—teachers, 8, scholars, 50.

The greater part of the families belonging to this Parish, reside at a considerable distance from the Church. Yet the attendance on divine service during the year past, has been very encouraging. Several families residing about three miles from the Church, have seldom failed to be present, when services were performed. Since last Easter, this Parish has met with some serious losses, in the removal of some of its most valuable members, who, though lost to us, are we doubt not, a valuable acquisition to the Church where they reside. Some substantial pillars of the Church, it is to be hoped, yet remain, whose faith fails not, and whose zeal and piety in the cause of pure and undefiled religion, we trust nothing but death can destroy. May all others "be like minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind."

[REV. ALBERT SPOONER : no Report.]

[REV. SERVILIUS STOCKING : no Report.]

### ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MERIDEN.

REV. S. STEBBINS STOCKING, OFFICIATING MINISTER.

Families, 64; baptisms—infants, 4, adults, 10; confirmed, 14; communicants—added, anew, 11, lost, by death, 3, removals 1; present number, 96; marriages, 3; burials, 6; Sunday School—teachers, 10, scholars, 65.

The above report is taken from the records left by the Rev. Melancthon Hoyt, who resigned the rectorship of this Parish on the 1st of Oct., and by the Rev. Joseph H. Nichols, who subsequently officiated as minister until Easter.

It may be proper to add, in respect to myself, that after receiving Orders on the 4th Sunday in Advent, I immediately took temporary charge of Trinity Church, Newtown, where I remained until Easter. During that time, I attended 4 burials, and solemnized 1 marriage. On the Sunday after Easter, I took charge of St. Andrew's Parish, Meriden, since which time I have baptized 3 adults. The Parish is in a prosperous condition, in respect both to its temporal and spiritual interests.

### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, STAMFORD.

REV. AMBROSE S. TODD, RECTOR.

Families, 105; baptisms—infants, 7, adults, 8; confirmed, 14; communicants—added, 13, lost by removals, 3, by death, 2; present number, 181; marriages, 3; burials, 12; Sunday School—teachers, 10, scholars, 60; library, 280 volumes; Bible class, 27; collections, for Christian Knowledge Society, \$12.70.

The Rector of St. John's Church, Stamford, may continue to report his Parish as prosperous. The great Head of the Church still continues to bless the labours bestowed upon this portion of his vineyard. During the past year there has been an increase, both in numbers and attention to the services of the Church. The demand for pews on last Easter Monday, was greater than has been any preceeding year, since the Rector's residence in the Parish, a period of seventeen years. At the last Convention, he hoped to have it in his power to report the erection of a new Church, but his hopes have been disappointed, while he has to lament at least, the certainty, that the congregation cannot be increased so long as the deficiency of Church accomodation is suffered to remain.

In regard to the observance of the special occasions of public worship, ap-

pointed by the Church, it has been the practice of the Rector, as far as practicable, always to celebrate divine services on the days set apart. The congregations on these occasions although they have not been large, have been respectable in point of numbers. An opportunity has thus been afforded the Rector of bringing before his people the leading doctrines of our faith, and the prominent articles of Christianity on occasions which the Church has expressly appointed for the purpose.

### CHRIST CHURCH, READING.

REV. CHARLES J. TODD, RECTOR.

Families, 55; baptisms—infants 1; confirmed, 3; communicants—added anew, 4, lost, by death, 1, by removal, 1; marriages, 2; burials, 5; Sunday School—teachers, 14, scholars, 60; Bible class, 20; missionary and charitable contributions, \$18.00.

### — CHURCH, WESTON.

REV. CHARLES J. TODD, RECTOR.

Families, 30; baptisms—infants, 3; communicants, added, anew, 2; burials, 7; Sunday School—teachers, 8, scholars, 40; missionary and charitable contributions, \$9.23.

### CHRIST CHURCH, TRUMBULL.

REV. D. G. TOMLINSON, RECTOR.

Families, about 80; baptisms—infants, 11, adults, 3; confirmed, none; communicants—added, anew, 6; lost, by death, 2, and by removal, 1; present number, 81; marriages, 4, burials, 9; Sunday School—teachers, 10, scholars, 70; Bible class, 17; monthly offerings, \$35.99. In addition to which \$10 were contributed by individuals to the General Missionary Society, and \$5 by the ladies sewing society, to Bishop Chase, Jubilee College.

In temporal matters, the Parish is, perhaps, more prosperous than at any former period. Services are now held alternately in the old Church, at Tashua, and the Church recently erected by the Parish at Long Hill; this latter building, it is expected, will be consecrated the ensuing week.

It would seem now that by the blessing of God, what only is wanted to establish the Parish on a good foundation, to sustain services, and increase in prosperity, is a patient, persevering, animated zeal, which wearies not in well-doing, on the part of the members. To them we would say, Brethren, this rests with us. Let us not be wanting to our duty and privilege, and God will not be wanting to us. We must look for trials; but let us hold fast to our duty and we shall be carried through in safety. Parishes often fear in respect to pecuniary matters; but let us remember what we have most to fear, and this we are apt to overlook, is a decline in piety, in devotion to the cause of Christ and his Church. These let us fear, and while God remains we shall have nothing else that we need greatly fear.

The principal special occasions of public worship appointed by the Church, have been observed, and with a tolerable good attendance.

### WASHINGTON COLLEGE.

REV. S. TOTTEN, D. D., PRESIDENT.

Since the meeting of the last Convention in this Diocese, my time has been mostly employed in the duties of my calling as President of Wash-

ington College. I have, however, officiated occasionally in the neighboring Parishes. With the assistance of the Rev. John Williams, I have held services in the College Chapel on the afternoon of each Sunday, with the exception of the present College session.

The number of students, undergraduates, now members of Washington College, is 80, of those 35 are communicants in the Protestant Episcopal Church. And of these 35 communicants, only 15 belong to the Diocese of Connecticut. Of the whole number of students 37 only are from the state of Connecticut.

Though perhaps not particularly connected with the business of this Convention, it may not be amiss to give some account of the general condition of the College, as it must depend for patronage and support almost entirely upon the Episcopal Church. There are now but 3 students belonging to it who are members of other denominations. It must be therefore, to the Church and the ministers of the Church, that we are to look for the patronage and influence that will continue the College in successful operation. During the Presidency of the Rev. Dr. Wheaton, large subscriptions were made to the funds of the College. Its debts were paid, and two Professorships one of \$20,000, and the other of \$14,000, were established. The Corporation has also other property. The net income from the whole permanent fund of the College, amounts to about \$2,200. The income from tuition and other College charges, if punctually paid, would amount to about \$4,000, which added to the income of the fund, would be quite sufficient to meet the current expenses of the College.

The amount actually realized from tuition &c., falls short of \$3,000, say \$2,800. This arises from the fact that the Trustees of the College have authorized the President to remit the tuition of indigent students designed for the ministry. Nearly \$1,000 is thus annually given away by the institution for the benefit of the Church. There are also, losses occasioned by the inability of graduates who have been credited with the amount of the College charges, to meet their engagements. Some are missionaries in foreign lands, some are settled over feeble Parishes, and some deceased. The losses from these causes alone, amount to more than \$4,000 since the establishment of the College. I am thus particular in giving an account of the pecuniary concerns of the Institution, lest the fact that the present income of the College is not equal to its necessary expenditures should excite surprise, and especially when the large subscriptions made to its funds within a few years, are taken into the account. It will probably be necessary to call upon the friends of the Church and the College, for farther subscriptions in the course of a few years. The Trustees have in their possession unproductive property which they hope to dispose of to meet the present annual deficit.

The College is however, in want of funds for other purposes than to meet its current expenses. The library needs to be renewed. The Philosophical apparatus needs some additions. The mineralogical cabinet is far from being extensive. It has occurred to me, that with very little exertion, the Clergy might do something for the library. There are, in many families, books of very little value to them, and on which they set but little value, that would be of great use in a public library, and which would, no doubt, be cheerfully given to the College on the solicitation of the Clergyman. I would also request such of my brethren as have any knowledge of mineralogy or the natural sciences in general, to bear in mind the wants of the College, and as they have opportunity to collect specimens for the cabinet. I can not but think that in the way I have suggested, additions might be made in a few years, both to the cabinet and the library, which purchased directly would cost several thousand dollars.

## CHRIST CHURCH, EAST HAVEN.

REV. HENRY TOWNSEND, MINISTER.

Families, 40; baptisms—infants, 2; communicants—added, anew, 1; lost, by death, 1; present number, 36; burials, 3; Sunday School—teachers, 7, scholars, 35; missionary and charitable contributions—for the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, \$4.16.

The above Report embraces a period of about eight months. My official labors commenced in this Parish, October 13th, 1839, since which time to the present, I have been regularly occupied on Sundays one half of the time. Residing *out* of the village, I have not been able to give public services other than Sunday, except on *two* occasions.

This Parish, though small and feeble, is remarkably united and harmonious in action, many of its members evincing an ardent desire to sustain the ministration of the word and sacraments, to the extent of their ability; which circumstances together with a gradually increasing congregation of late, are among the encouraging prospects for the future. Seven persons are purposing the present week to assume their baptismal engagements in the Holy rite of Confirmation. No contributions have been made for objects *out* of the Parish, except for the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, as noted above.

This Church being unable to sustain ministerial services, but *half* of the time, the *moiety* has been occupied in the several Churches in the vicinity which are but partially supplied.

Sunday, April 5th, (5th Sunday in Lent,) I officiated in Grace Church, Hamden, at the request of the Rector, the Rev. Henry Fitch, and baptized an infant, a member of his family. On Whitsunday the 7th inst., at Christ Church, Quaker's Farms, (Oxford,) I baptized an infant.

## CHRIST CHURCH, BETHLEM.

REV. I. H. TUTTLE, RECTOR.

Families, 38; baptisms—infants, 2; adult, 1; confirmed, 1; communicants—added, by removals, 2, anew, 1; present number, 44; marriages, 2; burials, 2 children; Sunday School—teachers, 7, scholars, about 35; Bible class, 12.

I entered on the duties of this Parish, and that of Trinity Church, Northfield, towards the close of last July—my services being equally divided between them. Since Easter I have officiated the whole time in Bethlem. It is encouraging to see this little Parish, of 38 families, effecting the noble effort to sustain the entire services of a Clergyman. Notwithstanding the heavy tax which this necessarily lays upon the society, they have manifested a readiness to do more, by painting and repairing their Church, an expense of about \$150, (between 30 and \$40 of which were raised by the sewing society, years past.) About \$65 have been expended for other objects within the Parish, and \$10.56 appropriated to Domestic and Foreign Missions; total expended, exclusive of the salary, \$225.56.

The Parish in Northfield was united at Easter with Harwinton, and happily enjoys the services of the Rev. Dr. Holcomb, to whose report I have nothing particularly to add, except that this Church has raised for Missionary purposes—Domestic and Foreign, \$36.50. Deaths, 2; marriage, 1.

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ESSEXBOROUGH, (SAYBROOK.)

REV. THOMAS H. VAIL, RECTOR.

Families, 34; baptisms—infants, 4, adults, 5; confirmed, 12; communicants—added, by removal, 2, anew, 6; lost, by removal, 2; present number, 44; marriages, 2; burials, 4; Sunday School—teachers, 10, scholars, 35; collections—missionary, \$18,50; charitable, \$16,34; for the Sunday School, \$14,63; from the ladies sewing circle, for lamps in the Church, \$19,00; total, \$68,47.

Besides three services habitually holden on the Lord's day, other services have been frequently holden during the week, as the religious circumstances of the Parish have required them. We ought, perhaps, to state as one, although an humble testimonial to the practical wisdom of our Ecclesiastical ordinances, that the solemn services of Passion week were attended by a peculiar blessing from the Holy Spirit. As the affecting history of our Saviour's latest and severest sufferings for sinners was traced, evening after evening in the order of the daily Gospels, a deep interest in the subject was awakened and increased, and many hearts, both within and without our Church, received impressions of the love of God and of their own personal duty, which, we trust, will not be effaced. Of those recently confirmed, some are not yet communicants, but we are hoping to see them with others, at an early day, commemorating their master Christ.

[REV. W. WARLAND: no Report.]

## ST. PETER'S CHURCH, PLYMOUTH.

REV. WM. WATSON, RECTOR.

Families, 105; baptisms—infants, 2, adults, 5; confirmed, 16; communicants—added, by removals, 8; anew, 14; lost, by death, 3; removals, 8; present number, 187; marriages, 5; burials, 8; Sunday School—teachers, 26, scholars, 118; Bible class, 92; missionary and charitable contributions—for Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, \$89,12; for Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, \$50,00; for Church Scholarship Society, \$60,00; for the General Theological Seminary, \$10,00; collections on hand unappropriated, \$32,78; total for objects *without* the Parish, \$241,90.

In connection with the foregoing statistics, respecting contributions to the several institutions of the Church, it is proper here to add, that this Parish within the past year, has given liberally to several objects *within* itself, and which, if reported, would materially swell the sum total of its collections. It is but just that I should here state, in reference to the small number of infant baptisms administered during the past year, and which might seem to indicate a neglect of this ordinance among us, that a much larger number might have been reported but for the inclemency of the weather on the last Lord's day, at which time, being the Whitsunday baptism, a number were to have been presented.

By comparing the present report with those which have been made for this Parish in years past, it will be seen, that for the last twelve months we have had a *less* number of additions to our communion, than *formerly*, during the same period. Still we do not despond; but feel encouraged in view of the past. Constantly, if not daily, has the Lord added to us such as, we trust, shall be saved; and (what is no less a matter of *rejoicing, because it is no less* an evidence of real prosperity,) steadily, as we believe, have

those among us, who name themselves of Christ, been growing in grace, and becoming built up in our most Holy Faith.

And, here, while speaking of the spiritual condition of this Parish, its Parson records it as his settled conviction, that these, its vital interests, have been greatly promoted, by observing those seasons, (especially the Lenten and Easter,) to which the Church, in her prescribed course of yearly services invites our attention.

I may not close this report, without saying, that though favored with much spiritual blessing, this Parish has suffered not a little during the past season, as it has done, to an uncommon degree, in years past, in loss, by death, from that class on whom it is dependant for support. More than an ordinary proportion of heads of families have been taken from us. But even in view of this adverse circumstance, we see blessings connected with it, and growing out of it which demand our most devout acknowledgments. For, while we have good reason to believe, that those taken from us, have but been transferred from the militant to the triumphant branch of the Church; we are happy to be able to say, that the Lord is putting it into the hearts of other and younger members of our flock, to come forward, and fill, so far as they may, the place of the dead. Upon the whole, we may declare, what gratitude requires us to confess, that we are at present, under the blessing of God, a prosperous and happy people.

#### WASHINGTON COLLEGE.

REV. JOHN WILLIAMS, TUTOR.

In accordance with the Canon I would report, that since the last Convention, in addition to my duties in College, I have officiated in this, and the neighboring Diocese of Massachusetts, somewhat more than two thirds of the time; a portion of my services being in the College Chapel. I have also administered the rite of Holy Baptism to one infant.

#### CHRIST CHURCH, STRATFORD.

REV. EDWIN W. WILTBANK, RECTOR.

Families, 105; baptisms—infants, 5; confirmed, 15; communicants—added, by removals, 7; anew, 10; lost, by death, 1; removals, 3; present number, 123; marriages, 4; burials, 6; Sunday School—teachers, 10; scholars, 75; missionary and charitable contributions, \$240.70.

In addition to our usual Sunday services, the Church has been opened for weekly services during the month preceding confirmation, and during Lent; on the first Monday evening of every month; five days in Passion week, and on all the leading festivals and fasts of Holy Church. The Rector is pleased to record that these services were all remarkably well attended.

By reference to the number of baptisms recorded, it will be seen to be unusually small, when compared with the generality of Parishes of the same extent. This is mainly to be attributed to the fearfully loose notions which have been prevalent in respect to that holy sacrament.

In a spiritual light, the Parish is, we believe, decidedly prosperous. If we have no feverish excitements to record, we have, what we deem valuable, a steady growth in grace on the part of the communicants; and an increasing interest in the things which make for their peace, on the part of those, who have heretofore been backward in making a full profession of Christ and his Holy Religion.

## CHRIST CHURCH, SALEM.

REV. JOHN W. WOODWARD, RECTOR.

Since my last report to the Convention, there has been no material change in the condition and prospects of this Parish, of a very interesting nature, except I have solemnized seven baptisms—two adults and five children; celebrated one marriage; officiated at one funeral; two families have removed from my Parish the spring past; three families in the mean time have united with us; two communicants have been added this season, and in all probability several more will be added to our Communion after confirmation.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, and my indisposition, I have been very regular in performing divine service on Sunday, and occasionally through the week. The Parish, although very weak, contemplates the immediate erection of a rectory, which is very much needed here, as well as in many other Parishes for the comfort and convenience of the Clergy.

[Families, [1838,] 22; communicants, 15.]

## ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, EAST PLYMOUTH.

REV. F. B. WOODWARD, RECTOR.

Families, 46; baptisms—infants 3, adults, 3, total 6; confirmed, 13; communicants—added, anew, 17, lost, by death, 1, present number, 59; marriages, 5; burials, 1; Sunday School—teachers, 18, scholars 66; Bible class, 21; missionary and charitable contributions, \$18.00.

The condition of this Parish, by the blessing of God, has been improved within the past year. The strenuous efforts of the people, for the support of the Gospel here, have not apparently diminished their *temporal* prosperity. And the number whose *practice* accords with their *belief*, that "Godliness is profitable unto all things, having the promise of the life that now is, and that which is to come;" is considerably increased. There has been but little sickness, and but a single death within the limits of the Parish the past year.

Through the kindness of the Clergy both in and out of the County, in accommodating the present incumbent with occasional exchanges, suitable opportunities have been afforded the people for the reception of the holy Sacrament; and thereby brought that *relief* to the Rector, so much needed to a person of sickly temperament, and unaccustomed to that close *confinement*, which unavoidably falls to the lot of *all*, whose labors are confined to a single Parish. Thus aided, the Parish have been supplied with services and preaching every Sabbath, and some extra services through the season of Lent and other favorable opportunities.

I have only to say, that God has given us His blessing. And that we have the helping hand, and I trust the fervent prayer of some, who a little time since, were perhaps far from expecting, that the grace of God would bring them with a willing mind, and renewed heart, to offer the sacrifice of praise and prayer in the Church of Christ; responding in the beauty of holiness; "Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

As a people, we have reason to thank God and take courage;—believing that the Church in East Plymouth may not immediately be given "to the moles and to the bats;" but be long known as a consecrated place, where the way of God is in the sanctuary, and where devout worshippers may *continue* to offer the praises and prayers of the Church of the living God,



until they shall be called by Him, who redeemed us to God by His blood, to join the Church triumphant, where all the ransomed of the Lord, shall receive a crown of unfading glory.

### CHRIST CHURCH, GREENWICH.

REV. B. M. YARRINGTON, RECTOR.

Families, 54; baptisms—infants, 5, adults, 5; confirmed, 7; communicants, 39, added, anew, 10, lost, by death, 1, present number, 38; marriages, 2; burials, 9; Sunday School—teachers, 8, scholars, 48; missionary contributions \$39.62.

In addition to the usual services at Greenwich, I have preached three fourths of the past year, every other Sunday evening, to a very attentive congregation in the neighborhood of Glenville.

The increase during the past year, in attendance and devotion to the best interests of Christ Church, has been as great as could be expected, consequently I feel warranted in reporting this Church in a condition decidedly prosperous.

### ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, EAST HADDAM.

REV. CHARLES W. BRADLEY, RECTOR.

Families, 65; confirmations, 1; communicants—lost, by death, 1, added, anew, 2, present number, 56; Marriages, 3; burials, 4; Sunday School—teachers, 15, scholars, 60.

### ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BROOKFIELD.

REV. E. C. BULL, RECTOR.

Families, 70; baptisms—infants, 12; communicants—added, by removals, 2, anew, 1, lost, by removals, 2, by death, 1, present number, 77; marriages, 2; burials, 7; Sunday School—teachers, 6, scholars, 30; missionary and charitable contributions, \$20.50.

### TRINITY CHURCH, NEWTOWN.

As the Parish at this time is destitute of a Rector, the delegates would Report:—

Families—added, 3; present number, 193; baptisms, by the Rev. S. C. Stratton—infants, 8; adults, 1; whole number, 9; confirmed, 14; communicants—added, 4, lost, by death, 6, present number, 175; burials, by the Rev. S. C. Stratton, 13; Rev. S. S. Stocking, 4; Rev. Mr. Corson, 1; whole number, 23; marriages, by the Rev. S. C. Stratton, 4; Rev. S. S. Stocking, 1.

There are two excellent libraries, the Sunday School and the adult; the former containing about 600 volumes, and the latter about 225.

In consequence of the Parish being destitute of a Rector, the offerings of the Church which have supported the libraries and done much for other charitable purposes, have nearly ceased.

Sunday School in operation, containing about 100 scholars.

Since the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Stratton, the Pulpit has been supplied by the Rev. Mr. Tomliason, the Rev. Abel Nichols, the Rev. S. S. Stocking, and is at present supplied by the Principal of the Newtown Academy, the Rev. L. H. Corson.

The Rev. Mr. Stucking resided in the Parish during the latter part of the winter, whose services were cordially received, and there is still a deep interest manifested in the welfare of the Church.

### TRINITY CHURCH, BRANFORD.

S. JOHNSON, WARDEN.

Families, about 65; baptisms—infants, 5; communicants—died, 2, removed, 3; present number, 42; marriages, 2; burials, 3; Sunday School—teachers, 10, scholars, 50; monthly collections, \$36.53.

### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, NORTH HAVEN.

Families, about 50; communicants, 40, added, by removal, 1, anew, 1, lost, by death, 1; present number, 41; burials, 2.

## SUMMARY OF PAROCHICAL REPORTS.

Reports have been received from 63 Parishes; of which only 53 have given the number of families;—only 50, the number of baptisms; and only 52, the number of communicants. To these reports the publishing Committee have added, in brackets, the number of families, in the last report of them, from 5 Parishes; and the number of communicants from 6 Parishes. The Reports as thus corrected, give the following statistics:

|   |   |   |   |   |   |      |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|------|
| Families in 58 Parishes,  | - | - | - | - | - | 5059 |
| Baptisms in 50 Parishes—infants, 579                                      | } | - | - | - | - | 683  |
| do. do. adults, 104   | { | - | - | - | - |      |
| Communicants,—added by removals, in 33 Parishes,                          | - | - | - | - | - | 190  |
| do. added, anew in 41 Parishes,   | - | - | - | - | - | 390  |
| do. lost, by death in 38 Parishes,  | - | - | - | - | - | 105  |
| do. lost, by removals from 35 Parishes,                                   | - | - | - | - | - | 180  |
| do. actual gain by removals,  | - | - | - | - | - | 10   |
| do. gain, by new additions, over loss by deaths,                          | - | - | - | - | - | 285  |
| do. present number in 58 Parishes,  | - | - | - | - | - | 5468 |
| By a reference to the Journals of former years, we find reported in 1834; |   |   |   |   |   |      |
| Families in 48 Parishes,  | - | - | - | - | - | 4003 |
| Communicants in 58 Parishes,  | - | - | - | - | - | 5082 |
| Reported in 1837.   |   |   |   |   |   |      |
| Families in 55 Parishes,  | - | - | - | - | - | 4217 |
| Communicants in 55 Parishes,  | - | - | - | - | - | 4444 |
| Reported in 1840.   |   |   |   |   |   |      |
| Families in 58 Parishes,  | - | - | - | - | - | 5059 |
| Communicants in 58 Parishes,  | - | - | - | - | - | 5468 |

It will be seen from these data, that according to the report of the Convention, there has been only 386 parishes in the last six years. Now a glance at the above statistics will show that there has been a mistake somewhere. The numbers of communicants added to the several congregations, and the number of families added to the several Conventions, are given in the above table. In view of the Church for twenty years, we find that the number of families with 1840. The first column contains the number of families. The Clergy having Cures within the

Convention; the *third*, the number of Parishes that reported any increase of Communicants; the *fourth*, the number of Communicants added; and the *fifth*, the number of Confirmations.

| Year. | Clergy with Cures. | Parishes reporting increase. | New Communicants. | Confirmations. |
|-------|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 1820  |                    | 9                            | 71                | 352            |
| 1821  |                    | 10                           | 190               | 836            |
| 1822  |                    | 16                           | 218               | 461            |
| 1823  |                    | 14                           | 182               | 356            |
| 1824  |                    | 13                           | 147               | 106            |
| 1825  | 40                 | 14                           | 76                | 258            |
| 1826  | 44                 | 19                           | 102               | 436            |
| 1827  | 44                 | 21                           | 178               | 223            |
| 1828  | 40                 | 18                           | 149               | 346            |
| 1829  | 40                 | 20                           | 243               | 215            |
| 1830  | 28                 | 18                           | 167               | 242            |
| 1831  | 42                 | 30                           | 249               | 345            |
| 1832  | 45                 | 57                           | 910               | 1210           |
| 1833  | No Convention.     |                              |                   |                |
| 1834  | 51                 | 48 (2 years)                 | 847               | 926            |
| 1835  | 52                 | 46                           | 266               | 233            |
| 1836  | 57                 | 41                           | 322               | 331            |
| 1837  | 55                 | 49                           | 260               | 102            |
| 1838  | 56                 | 50                           | 600               | 546            |
| 1839  | 62                 | 51                           | 592               | 300            |
| 1840  | 66                 | 53                           | 580               | 422            |

*Increase of Communicants during triennial periods.*

|           |     |           |      |
|-----------|-----|-----------|------|
| 1819—1822 | 479 | 1831—1834 | 1757 |
| 1822—1825 | 405 | 1834—1837 | 848  |
| 1825—1828 | 429 | 1837—1840 | 1772 |
| 1828—1831 | 606 |           |      |

This table gives only the whole number of communicants during this period. Before 1831, we are not able to give the *actual* increase, after deducting the losses by death and removals. The following table gives the *actual* increase since 1831.

|             |     |           |     |
|-------------|-----|-----------|-----|
| 1831—1832   | 692 | 1836—1837 | 116 |
| 1832—1833-4 | 551 | 1837—1838 | 358 |
| 1834—1835   | 91  | 1838—1839 | 309 |
| 1835—1836   | 129 | 1839—1840 | 295 |

Communicants received during the nine years, 2541; Confirmations during the same period, 4077. Communicants added during the last three years, 1222; Confirmations during the same period, 1222. It will be seen from the above that the actual increase of Communicants in the Episcopal Church has been 2541, and the actual increase of Confirmations 4077. It should be given to the number received of 2541, the number of 1222 should be deducted, and the result 1319. It is most clearly, that there are 1319 more Communicants than were added, with an equal

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REPORTED BY THE BISHOP AND STANDING COMMITTEE,  
PURSUANT TO THE ELEVENTH CANON OF THE DIOCESE,  
JUNE, 1840.

Rt. Rev. THOMAS C. BROWNELL, D.D., LL.D., Bishop, residing at Hartford.

Rev. William B. Ashley, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Glastenbury.

Rev. Ashbel Baldwin, residing at Stratford.

Rev. David Baldwin, Rector of St. John's Church, North Guilford, and Union Church, Killingworth.

Rev. E. E. Beardsley, Principal of the Episcopal Academy, Cheshire.

Rev. Lorenzo T. Bennett, assistant minister of Trinity Parish, New Haven.

\* Rev. George Benton, Missionary to Greece.

\* Rev. Silas Blaisdale, officiating in Union Church, Hitchcocksville.

Rev. Hilliard Bryant, Rector of Christ Church, Westport.

Rev. George Burgess, Rector of Christ Church, Hartford.

Rev. Daniel Burhans, D. D., late Rector of St. Peter's Church, Oxford.

\* Rev. Riverius Camp, Rector of Trinity Church, Brooklyn, and Christ Church, Pomfret.

Rev. Samuel T. Carpenter, Rector of Christ Church, Sharon, and of St. John's Church, Salisbury.

Rev. Alonzo B. Chapin, Rector, of St. James' Church, New Haven, (Westville,) Editor of the Chronicle of the Church,

Rev. Robert M. Chapman, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Wallingford.

Rev. Jacob L. Clark, Rector of St. John's Church, Waterbury.

Rev. Gurdon S. Coit, Rector of St. John's Church, Bridgeport.

\* Rev. Nathaniel E. Cornwall, Rector of Trinity Church, Southport.

\* Rev. Levi H. Corson, Principal of the Episcopal Academy, Newtown.

Rev. Joseph S. Covell, Rector of Trinity Church, Bristol.

Rev. Harry Crosswell, D. D., Rector of Trinity Parish, New Haven.

\* Rev. Edward J. Darken, Rector of Christ Church, Guilford.

\* Rev. G. C. V. Eastman, residing at Litchfield.

Rev. Samuel M. Emery, Rector of Trinity Church, Chatham.

Rev. Henry Fitch, Rector of Grace Church, Hamden.

\* Rev. Alpheus Geer, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Hebron.

\* Rev. George S. Gordon, Minister, St. Andrew's Church, New Preston, and St. John's Church, Washington.

\* Rev. John M. Guion, Rector of St. Mark's Church, New Britain.

\* Rev. Caleb I. Good, Professor of Ancient Languages in Washington College.

Rev. Robert A. Hallam, Rector of St. James' Church, New London.

Rev. Solomon G. Hitchcock, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Woodbury.

Rev. Frederick Holcomb, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Watertown.

Rev. Oliver Hopson, Rector of St. Michael's Church Naugatuck, and of the Church in Middlebury.

- Rev. Warner Hoyt, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Ridgesfield.  
 Rev. Enoch Huntington, Rector of St. John's Church, New Milford.  
 Rev. Edward J. Ives, Rector of St. George's Church, Milford.  
 \*Rev. Abner, Jackson, adjunct Professor, of Ancient Languages in Washington College.  
 Rev. Samuel Farmer Jarvis, D. D. LL. D., Rector of Christ Church, Middletown.  
 \*Rev. William Jarvis, residing at Chatham.  
 \*Rev. Stephen Jewett, residing at New Haven.  
 Rev. Isaac Jones, Rector of Christ Church, Bethany.  
 Rev. Zebadiah Hyde Mansfield, Rector of St. John's Church, East Windsor.  
 \*Rev. Truman Marsh, residing at Litchfield.  
 Rev. William C. Mead, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Norwalk.  
 Rev. Abel Nichols, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Bridgewater.  
 Rev. David Ogden, Rector of St. Mark's Church, New Canaan.  
 Rev. Seth B. Paddock, Rector of Christ Church, Norwich.  
 Rev. William Payne, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Litchfield.  
 Rev. Dexter Potter, Rector of St. James' Church, Preston, (Poqueton-suck.)  
 Rev. Nathaniel S. Richardson, Rector of Christ Church, Watertown.  
 Rev. Rodney Rossiter, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Monroe.  
 \*Rev. Thomas S. Savage, Missionary to Africa.  
 Rev. Joseph Scott, Rector of St. James' Church, Derby.  
 Rev. Henry B. Sherman, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Windham.  
 Rev. David H. Short, Rector of St. James' Church, Danbury, St. Thomas' Chapel, Bethel.  
 Rev. John D. Smith, Rector of Union Church, Humphreysville.  
 \*Rev. Albert Spooner, residing at Norwich.  
 Rev. George A. Sterling, officiating in St. Paul's Church, Huntington.  
 \*Rev. Sirvilius Stocking, officiating in All Saints' Church, Wolcott.  
 Rev. S. Stebbins Stocking, Minister of St. Andrew's Church, Meriden.  
 Rev. Ambrose S. Todd, Rector of St. John's Church, Stamford.  
 \*Rev. Charles I. Todd, Rector of Christ Church, Reading.  
 Rev. David G. Tomlinson, Rector of Christ Church, Trumbull.  
 Rev. Silas Totten, President of Washington College, Hartford.  
 Rev. Henry Townsend, Minister of Christ Church, East Haven.  
 Rev. Isaac H. Tuttle, Minister of Christ Church, Bethlem.  
 Rev. Thomas H. Vail, Rector of St. John's Church, Essexborough, (Saybrook.)  
 \*Rev. William Warland, Jr., Rector of Grace Church, Saybrook.  
 Rev. William Watson, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Plymouth.  
 \*Rev. Ransom Warner, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Tariffville, (Simsbury.)  
 \*Rev. John Williams, Tutor in Washington College.  
 Rev. Edwin W. Wiltbank, Rector of Christ Church, Stratford.  
 Rev. T. B. Woodward, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, (East) Plymouth.  
 \*Rev. John W. Woodward, Rector of Christ Church, Salem.  
 Rev. Benjamin M. Yarrington, Rector of Christ Church, Greenwich.

Total, 75.

The Clergymen to whose names an asterisk (\*) is prefixed, were not present at this Convention.

**LIST OF CLERGY OFFICIATING IN THE DIOCESE, BUT NOT CANONICALLY  
CONNECTED THEREWITH; JUNE, 1840.**

Rev. Charles W. Bradley, of the Diocese of New York, Minister of St. Stephen's Church, East Haddam.

Rev. Edward C. Bull, of the Diocese of New York, Minister of St. Paul's Church, Brookfield.

**LIST OF CLERGY BELONGING TO THE DIOCESE OF CONNECTICUT, RESIDING  
WITHIN THE DIOCESE, BUT NOT ENTITLED TO SEATS IN CONVENTION;  
JUNE, 1840.**

Rev. Benjamin Benham.

Rev. Peter G. Clark.

Rev. Joseph H. Nichols.

Rev. Birdsey G. Noble.

Rev. George C. Shepherd.

Rev. George S. White.

Rev. Milton Wilcox.

**LIST OF CLERGY BELONGING TO THE DIOCESE OF CONNECTICUT NOT RE-  
SIDING WITHIN THE SAME; JUNE, 1840.**

Rev. Josiah M. Bartlett.

Rev. James R. Bayley.

Rev. Samuel C. Stratton.

**LIST OF CLERGY RESIDING WITHIN THE DIOCESE OF CONNECTICUT, NOT  
CANONICALLY CONNECTED THEREWITH; JUNE, 1840.**

Rev. Samuel Nichols.

Rev. George W. Nichols.

Rev. Foster Thayer.

Total of the Clergy, 90.

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**CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS.**

Wm. Atwill,  
Wm. G. French,  
Paschal P. P. Kidder,  
Ephraim L. Perkins,  
Charles Gillett,

John G. Hull,  
Wm. G. Morgan,  
Martin Moody,  
John Riggs,  
John Purves,

George H. Nichols,  
John H. Cornish,  
Isaac D. Hubbard.  
Total, 13.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

| Dr.   | Convention Fund in Account with E. E. Beardsley, Treasurer. | Cr.  |          |
|---|---|--|----------|
| To Cash paid Hitchcock & Stafford for Printing Journal, 1839, . . . . .                                   | \$105.26  | By Cash received from Fifty Parishes as per Journal, 1839, p. 41, . . . . .  | \$191.07 |
| To Sundry Postages, . . . . .   | 78  | By Cash received of Wm. H. Scovill, Esq., being a balance in the hands of the late Secretary, Rev. A. C. Morgan, deceased, . . . . . | 2.68     |
| To Cash paid Rev. Mr. Burgess for blank Book for Standing Committee, . . . . .                            | 3.00  |  |          |
| To Cash paid for advertising in the Chronicle of the Church, Notices of Convention for 1839-40, . . . . . | 1.00  | Total, \$193.75  |          |
| To Cash paid for eleven Notices of Meetings of Standing Committee, for 1838-39-40 . . . . .               | 5.50  |  | 115.66½  |
| June 8. Postage, . . . . .  | 12½   |  | 78.09½   |
|   | <u>\$115.66½</u>  |  |          |

The following Parishes paid their assessment for 1840, as required by Canon II.

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| Christ Church, Norwich, . . . . .            | \$6.75 | St. Michael's Church, Litchfield, . . . . .    | 3.75  |
| St. Paul's Church, Huntington, . . . . .     | 1.50   | St. Andrew's Church, Meriden, . . . . .        | 3.75  |
| St. Stephen's Church, Ridgefield, . . . . .  | 3.50   | St. Paul's Church, Windham, . . . . .          | 3.00  |
| St. Paul's Church, Norwalk, . . . . .        | 4.00   | Union Church, Humphreysville, . . . . .        | 2.87½ |
| Christ Church, Middletown, . . . . .         | 5.00   | St. Matthew's Church, East Plymouth, . . . . . | 3.75  |
| St. Luke's Church, Glastenbury, . . . . .    | 4.50   | St. Peter's Church, Oxford, . . . . .          | 1.87  |
| Christ Church, Trumbull, . . . . .           | 2.81   | St. Mark's Church, New Canaan, . . . . .       | 3.00  |
| St. John's Church, Bridgeport, . . . . .     | 7.50   | St. John's Church, North Haven, . . . . .      | 1.50  |
| St. John's Church, Essex, . . . . .          | 3.00   | St. Michael's Church, Naugatuck, . . . . .     | 2.81  |
| Trinity Church, Chatham, . . . . .           | 4.50   | Christ Church, Watertown, . . . . .            | 4.50  |
| St. Peter's Church, Monroe, . . . . .        | 2.44   | Grace Church, Hamden, . . . . .                | 3.75  |
| Trinity Church, Bristol, . . . . .           | 2.00   | Christ Church, Bethlem, . . . . .              | 3.37½ |
| Christ Church, East Haven, . . . . .         | 1.87½  | Christ Church, Bethany, . . . . .              | 3.37½ |
| St. Andrew's Church, New Preston, . . . . .  | 1.87½  | St. Paul's Church, Brookfield, . . . . .       | 3.75  |
| Christ Church, Westport, . . . . .           | 4.50   | Christ Church, Greenwich, . . . . .            | 3.00  |
| St. John's Church, North Guilford, . . . . . | 1.12½  | Trinity Church, Branford, . . . . .            | 3.00  |
| Union Church Killingworth, . . . . .         | .37½   | St. Peter's Church, Plymouth, . . . . .        | 4.87½ |
| Christ Church, Hartford, . . . . .           | 9.00   | Christ Church, Sharon, . . . . .               | 1.87½ |
| St. John's Church, Waterbury, . . . . .      | 5.62½  | St. Peter's Church, Hebron, . . . . .          | 1.87½ |
| St. James' Church, Westville, . . . . .      | 1.12½  | St. John's Church, New Milford, . . . . .      | 3.75  |
| St. James' Church, Derby, . . . . .          | 3.75   |  |       |
| St. James' Church, New London, . . . . .     | 5.62½  |  |       |

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| St. Mark's Church, Bridgewater,                    | 1.50 | Trinity Parish, New Haven,    | 16.50    |
| St. Paul's Church, Woodbury,                       | 2.81 | St. Peter's Church, Cheshire, | 1.50     |
| St. James' Church, and St. Thomas Chapel, Danbury, | 3.75 | Total,                        | \$174.74 |
| Trinity Church, Newtown,                           | 3.75 | Fairfield,                    | 4.50     |

The Following Parishes did not pay into the Convention fund for the current year.

|                          |                 |               |                  |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|
| Brooklyn,                | Guilford,       | Bradleyville, | Hitchcocksville, |
| Northford,               | Wolcott,        | East Windsor, | Kent,            |
| Milton,                  | New Britain,    | Northfield,   | Saybrook,        |
| Milford,                 | Middlebury,     | Pomfret,      | Wallingford,     |
| Preston, (Poque-tonuck,) | Quakers' Farms, | Roxbury,      | West Haven,      |
| Salisbury,               | Simsbury,       | Southington,  | Woodbridge.      |
| Washington,              | Salem,          | Weston,       |                  |
|                          | Reading,        | Granby,       |                  |

## APPENDIX, NO. II.

*Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge. Proceedings, &c.*

### REPORT

OF THE

#### TREASURER OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.

The Treasurer, in presenting his Account of receipts and expenditures for the past year, begs leave once more to ask the attention of the Church to some of the facts stated in the Report which he had the honor to submit to the Convention of 1837.

Of the four classes of Parishes which require aid from the whole Diocese, in order to make up the sum of \$500 per annum, as therein specified, eight only out of twenty-one of the first class, requiring from \$50 to \$100, seven out of twenty-two of the second class, requiring from \$150 to \$200, six out of thirteen of the third class, which can pay only \$200 or \$250, and one only of the fourth class, which are too small to pay even that sum, have received assistance. Some of these Parishes in the course of three years, have doubtless, become stronger, and possibly may need no further aid; but the greater part of them it is believed, still require our fostering care. Unless, therefore, something can be done to increase the income of the Society,



these Parishes must continue in their present weak condition, enjoying a very scanty portion of the means of grace, and destitute of the benefit of a resident ministry. Nothing but perseverance and system in making collections, extended to every Parish in the Diocese, great or small, will accomplish the object which all who truly love the Church, must have at heart.

By reference to the report made at the last Convention, (p. 45, Journal 1839,) it will be seen that the balance of \$583.28, then in the Treasurer's hands, included the legacy of Miss Vashti Sherman, \$366.46, intended by the benevolent donor, to be added to the permanent fund. It remained with the Board of Directors to instruct the Treasurer how to dispose of this sum; but no direction having been given, and the present state of the money market being uncertain and precarious, he was unwilling to make any permanent investment on his own responsibility. It is desirable that such investment should be made; but in order that the Society should sustain no loss, he has charged himself with interest from the 12th of June, 1839. On the 12th of June, 1840, there will, therefore, be in his hands the amount \$389.02, being the principal and one year's interest on Miss Sherman's legacy to be paid over to his successor in office, and subject to the direction of the future board. Deducting Miss Sherman's legacy there remained last year a balance of \$216.28, to be applied to the arrearages then due on the appropriations of the preceeding year. It will be seen by the account which he has now the honor of submitting to the Convention, that on these arrearages he paid the sum of \$213.85, leaving only \$2.43, to be applied to the appropriations of the year ending at Easter, 1840. The sum received at the last Convention, was \$617.71, and the whole amount subsequently received has been only \$203, making a total of \$823.14, to meet the appropriations of the year ending at Easter 1840. At a meeting of the Board which took place on the 12th of June, 1839, during the necessary absence of the Treasurer, the appropriations for the then ensuing year were made as follows:

To seven Parishes of the first class, viz. Bristol, Hebron, East Haddam, Warehouse Point, Danbury, New Canaan, and Greenwich, each \$50, and to Woodbury, \$100; to two Parishes of the second class, Hamden and Hitchcocksville, \$75 each; to four Parishes of the same class, viz: New Britain, Essexborough, Branford, and Salisbury, \$50 each, and to Poque-tonnuck, \$25; to four Parishes of the third class viz. Middlebury, Weston, Bradleyville and Washington, \$50 each; to Westville, \$100, and to Salem, \$25; of the fourth class, only West Haven received an appropriation amounting to \$50. The total amount of these appropriations was \$1,200; and the Board was sanguine enough to believe that the subsequent contributions of these several Parishes of the Diocese, would enable the Treasurer to meet the whole. In this they have been disappointed. One half of each appropriation has been paid, and Poque-tonnuck, Salem and Hebron, have received both payments. There remains to be paid the sum of \$550, and to meet this, the Treasurer has now only \$170.64, leaving a deficit of \$379.36.

It will be seen at once, that unless more vigorous measures are taken to increase the annual amount of the Society's receipts, the Board will not be justified in making such an appropriation again, inadequate as it confessedly is to the wants of the weaker Parishes. To draw upon the coming year to pay the deficiencies of the past is a fallacious mode of proceeding. It holds out a promise to the weaker Parishes which it fails to keep. It operates unfavourably upon the Clergy; and it embarrasses and increases the trouble of the Board. It is to be hoped therefore, that some measures will be taken to remedy the present disorder. The Treasurer can not think of any better plan than that which he proposed in 1837. But to effect that plan, energy

and union, resulting from a hearty conviction of its practicability and importance, are demanded both from the Clergy and the Laity.

All which is respectfully submitted,

S. FARMAR JARVIS, *Treasurer.*

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*The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, in account with Samuel  
Farmar Jarvis, their Treasurer. Dr.*

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| 1839.                       |   |
| June 12,                    | To amount of Miss Vashti Sherman's legacy placed at interest, \$367,00  |
| " 29,                       | To cash paid on arrearages of appropriations made July 6, 1838, and June 10th, 1839, and considered as due at Easter, 1839, as follows: |
|                             | To Urial Spencer, for Union Church, Hitchcocksville, \$50,00  |
|                             | To Rev. A. B. Chapin, for Church in Westville, 50,00  |
|                             | To Rev. Hilliard Bryant, for the Church in Bradleyville, 50,00  |
|                             | To Rev. Oliver Hopson, for the Parish of Middlebury, 25,00  |
|                             | To Rev. Charles I. Todd, (paid Nov. 9th,) for Parish in Weston, 38,85   |
|                             | 213,85  |
|                             | To cash paid at sundry times on the appropriations for the present year, being the payments due at Michaelmas, as follows:              |
| Sept. 26,                   | To Rev. J. W. Woodward, for the Parish of Salem, \$12,50  |
| Oct. 4,                     | To Rev. Charles W. Bradley, for the Parish of East Haddam, 25,00  |
| " 9,                        | To Rev. Joseph S. Covell, for the Parish of Bristol, 25,00  |
| " 10,                       | To Rev. D. H. Short, for the Parish of Danbury, 25,00   |
| " 18,                       | To Rev. O. Hopson, for the Parish of Middlebury, 25,00  |
| " 25,                       | To Rev. Hilliard Bryant, for the Parish of Bradleyville, 25,00  |
| " "                         | To Rev. Alpheus Geer, for the Parish of Hebron, 25,00   |
| " 30,                       | To Rev. A. B. Chapin, for the Parishes of Westville and West Haven, 75,00   |
| " "                         | To Rev. Henry Fitch, for the Parish of Hamden, 37,50  |
| Nov. 4,                     | To Rev. David Ogden, for the Parish of New Canaan, 25,00  |
| " 9,                        | To Rev. Charles I. Todd, for the Parish of Weston, 25,00  |
| " 19,                       | To Rev. J. M. Guion, for the Parish of New Britain, 25,00   |
| " 25,                       | To Rev. L. H. Corson, for the Parish of Branford, 25,00   |
|                             | 375,00  |
| Amount carried up, \$955,85 |   |

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| 1840.     | By amount brought forward,   | \$955,85         |
| Jan. 13,  | To Rev. B. M. Yarrington, for the Parish of Greenwich,   | 25,00            |
| Mar. 13,  | To Rev. G. S. Gordon, for the Parish of Washington,  | 25,00            |
| " 19,     | To Rev. Z. H. Mansfield, for the Parish of Warehouse Point,  | 25,00            |
| " "       | To Rev. S. T. Carpenter, for the Parish of Salisbury,  | 25,00            |
| April 13, | To Rev. Silas Blaisdale, for the Parish of Hitchcocksville,  | 37,50            |
| May 6,    | To Rev. S. G. Hitchcock, for the Parish of Woodbury,   | 50,00            |
| " 8,      | To Rev. Thomas H. Vail, for the Parish of Essexborough,  | 25,00            |
|           |  | <u>212,50</u>    |
|           | To cash paid on the appropriations for the present year, being the payments due at Easter, 1840, as follows: |                  |
| Mar. 13,  | To the Rev. Dexter Potter, being the whole annual payment for Poquetonnuck,                                  | 25,00            |
| April 11, | To the Rev. J. W. Woodward, for the Parish of Salem,   | 12,50            |
| May 25,   | To the Rev. Alpheus Geer, for the Parish of Hebron,  | 25,00            |
|           |  | <u>62,50</u>     |
| June 8,   | To cash paid for printing by the Bishop,   | 2,50             |
|           | To Balance to be carried to new account,   | 170,64           |
|           |  | <u>\$1403,99</u> |

*Per Contra,**Cr.*

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| 1839.    |   |                             |
| June 11, | By balance from last account, as per Journal of 1839, p. 44,  | \$583,28                    |
| " 12,    | By cash, being the amount received at the Annual Convention, from thirty-eight Churches, in the same number of towns, \$571,05, and a collection in Christ Church, Hartford, at the Annual Sermon, June 11th, as per Journal of 1839, p. 46, \$46,66, | 617,71                      |
| Aug. 1,  | By cash from the offerings of the Parish of Trinity Church, New Haven, by the Rev. Dr. Croswell,  | 150,00                      |
| " "      | By cash from Union Church, Humphreysville, by the Rev. J. D. Smith,   | 8,00                        |
| Nov. 8,  | By dividend on two shares Phoenix Bank stock, declared September, 1839,   | 8,00                        |
| 1840.    |   |                             |
| Jan. 9,  | By cash, being "Christmas offerings," from Union Church, Hitchcocksville, by Uriel Spencer, Warden,   | 4,00                        |
| May 20,  | By dividend on two shares Phoenix Bank stock, declared March, 1840,   | 7,00                        |
| June 8,  | By cash from St. John's Church, Salisbury, by the Bishop,   | 4,50                        |
|          |   | <u>Amount carried over,</u> |
|          |   | \$1382,49                   |

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| 1840.   |   | By amount brought forward, | \$1382,49        |
| June 8, | By cash from Christ Church, Sharon, by the Bishop,    |                            | 3,50             |
| " "     | By cash from Miss Peck, at Sharon,                    |                            | 5,50             |
| " "     | By cash from Christ Church, Greenwich, by the Bishop, |                            | 12,50            |
|         |   |                            | <u>\$1403,99</u> |

NEW HAVEN, JUNE 10, 1840.

The Treasurer of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, acknowledges the receipt of the following sums during the present Convention, from the several Churches named :

*Hartford County.*

|  |               |  |
|--|---------------|--|
| Hartford, Christ Church, by the Rev. George Burgess, Rector,       | \$276,08      |  |
| Glastenbury, St. Luke's Church, by the Rev. Wm. B. Ashley, Rector, | 7,19          |  |
| Bristol, Trinity Church, by the Rev. J. S. Covell, Rector,         | 9,03          |  |
|  | <u>292,30</u> |  |

*Tolland County.*

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| Hebron, St. Peter's Church, by Mr. Wm. B. Graves, Delegate, | 4,25 |  |
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*New London County.*

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|--|--------------|--|
| New London, St. James' Church, by the Rev. Robert A. Hallam, Rector, | 19,91        |  |
| Norwich, Christ Church, by Col. Elisha Tracy, Delegate,              | 30,00        |  |
|  | <u>49,91</u> |  |

*Middlesex County.*

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|--|---------------|--|
| Middletown, Christ Church, by the Rev. S. Farmar Jarvis, Rector,     | 52,18         |  |
| Chatham, Trinity Church, by the Rev. Samuel M. Emery, Rector,        | 30,00         |  |
| East Haddam, St. Stephen's Church, by Mr. Oliver Warner, Delegate,   | 10,00         |  |
| Essexborough, St. John's Church, by the Rev. Thomas H. Vail, Rector, | 10,50         |  |
| North Killingworth, Union Church, by the Rev. D. Baldwin, Rector,    | 1,00          |  |
|  | <u>103,68</u> |  |

*New Haven County.*

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|--|---------|--|
| New Haven, Trinity, } by the Rev. Dr. Croswell,                |         |  |
| St. Paul's, } Rector,  | 150,00  |  |
| Westville, St. James' Church, by Mr. Newell Johnson, Delegate, | 4,00    |  |
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Amount carried up, \$604,14

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| By amount brought forward,   |       | \$604 |
| North Guilford, St. John's Church, by the Rev. D. Baldwin, Rector, | 2,00  |       |
| Branford, Trinity Church, by Mr. E. F. Rogers, Delegate,           | 5,00  |       |
| East Haven, Christ Church, by Mr. James Williams, Delegate,        | 4,16  |       |
| Cheshire, St. Peter's Church, by the Rev. E. E. Beardsley, Rector, | 7,00  |       |
| Hamden, Grace Church, by the Rev. Henry Fitch, Rector,             | 5,70  |       |
| Milford, St. George's Church, by Mr. Abraham Marks, Delegate,      | 3,00  |       |
| Derby, St. James' Church, by Mr. — French, Delegate,               | 8,52  |       |
| Humphreysville, Union Church, by the Rev. John D. Smith, Rector,   | 5,00  |       |
| Waterbury, St. John's Church, by the Rev. J. L. Clark, Rector,     | 60,00 |       |
| Naugatuck, St. Michael's Church, by the Rev. O. Hopson, Rector,    | 4,40  |       |
| Middlebury, — Church, by the Rev. O. Hopson, Rector,               | 4,00  |       |
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*Fairfield County.*

|   |       |    |
|---|-------|----|
| Bridgeport, St. John's Church, by Mr. Alexander Hamilton, Delegate, | 20,00 |    |
| Norwalk, St. Paul's Church, by the Rev. Dr. Mead, Rector,           | 30,00 |    |
| Stamford, St. John's Church, by the Rev. Ambrose Todd, Rector,      | 12,70 |    |
| Ridgefield, St. Stephen's Church, by the Rev. Warner Hoyt, Rector,  | 15,00 |    |
| Danbury, St. James' Church, } by the Rev. D. H. Short, Rector,      | 21,30 |    |
| Brookfield, St. Paul's Church, by the Rev. E. C. Bull, Rector,      | 20,50 |    |
| Brookfield, from Mr. Peck, by the Rev. E. C. Bull, Rector,          | 5,00  |    |
| Huntington, St. Paul's Church, by Mr. Thomas S. Shelton, Delegate,  | 7,01  |    |
| Monroe, St. Peter's Church, by the Rev. R. Rossiter, Rector,        | 3,00  |    |
| Trumbull, Christ Church, by Mr. L. W. Clark, Delegate,              | 10,00 |    |
| New Canaan, St. Mark's Church, by the Rev. David Ogden, Rector,     | 10,00 |    |
| Greenwich, Christ Church, by the Rev. B. M. Yarrington, Rector,     | 10,00 |    |
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*Litchfield County.*

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| Litchfield, St. Michael's, Church, by the Rev. William Payne, Rector, | 50,00 |  |
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Amount carried over,

\$96

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| By amount brought forward,   | \$927,43  |
| New Milford, St. John's Church, by the Rev. E. Huntington, Rector,               | 21,65     |
| Plymouth, St. Peter's Church, by the Rev. William Watson, Rector,                | 4,10      |
| New Preston, St. Andrew's Church, by Mr. E. Hunt, Delegate,                      | 5,07      |
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| Total, 41 Churches, in 38 towns, contributed,                                    | 30,82     |
| June 9th, contribution in Trinity Church, New Haven, after the Annual Sermon,    | 958,25    |
| From Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Blackman, of Roxbury, through the Rev. George L. Foote, | 60,71     |
|  | 2,00      |
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|  | \$1020,96 |
| Deduct for error in computation,   | 81        |
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|  | \$1020,15 |
| S. FARMAR JARVIS Treasurer.  |           |

## CHURCHES FROM WHICH NO RETURNS HAVE BEEN MADE.

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| Hartford County.—Simsbury, Granby, Warehouse Point, New Britain, Southington,  | 5     |
| Windham County.—Brooklyn, Canterbury, Pomfret, Windham,  | 4     |
| New London County.—Poquetonnick, Salem,  | 2     |
| Middlesex County.—Middle Haddam, Saybrook,   | 2     |
| New Haven County.—Guilford, North Branford, North Haven, Northford, Wallingford, Meriden, West Haven, Oxford, Quakers' Farms, Woodbridge, Bethany, Wolcott,  | 12    |
| Fairfield County.—Stratford, Fairfield, Southport, Weston, Wilton, Reading, Newtown, 2 Churches, Westport,   | 9     |
| Litchfield County.—Bradleyville, Milton, Northfield, Harwinton, Bridgewater, Sharon, Kent, Washington, Woodbury, Roxbury, Bethlem, Watertown, Canaan, Cornwall, Goshen, Plymouth, St. Peter's, Hitchcocksville, Salisbury, | 19    |
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|  | 53    |

By Canon, VII (1839,) it is made the duty of every Parish in this Diocese, to establish Parochial Collections, not less than four in each year, for the aid of the benevolent institutions of the Church; and by a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Christian Knowledge Society, passed August 3, 1837, the Treasurer was authorized to inform the several Parishes "that all appropriations to them, must be on the condition of having monthly offerings and clerical services."

S. FARMAR JARVIS, Treasurer.

## APPENDIX, NO. III.

### CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY.

NEW HAVEN JUNE, 10, 1840.

The Convention resolved itself into the Church Scholarship Society. The Report of the Board of Education was read and accepted. The Report of the Treasurer was read and accepted.

The following officers were then elected.

#### *Board of Education.*

|                        |                          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Rev. S. TOTTEN, D. D., | ZEPHANIAH PRESTON, Esq., |
| THOMAS BELKNAP, Esq.,  | WILLIAM T. LEE, Esq.,    |
| DUDLEY BUCK, Esq.,     | DENISON MORGAN, Esq.,    |
| LEMUEL HUMPHREY, Esq.  |                          |

Rev. GEORGE BURGESS, *Secretary.*

JAMES M. GOODWIN, *Treasurer.*

GEORGE BURGESS, *Secretary.*

The Board of Education, of the Church Scholarship Society, respectfully present their annual Report.

As usual, the history of the operations of the Society during the year, may be related in very few words. It has lent its assistance to fourteen young men, who have been pursuing their studies at Washington College, in preparation for the ministry. It has at present ten beneficiaries. Since its origin, it has afforded aid to fifty, and of whom twenty six, it is believed, are now engaged as parochial clergymen or as missionaries.

The Society has been sustained, through the year, by the liberal contributions of a few Parishes, and by re-payments from former beneficiaries. It remains free from debt, and has met without difficulty all the applications for its assistance. Were those applications somewhat more numerous, it is scarcely to be doubted, that increased contributions would afford the means of still maintaining the pledge of the Society, that no proper applicant should be rejected.

In this connexion, the Board would beg leave to call the attention of the Society to the deficiency which is understood to exist, in the present number of candidates for orders, both in the Church generally, and especially in this Diocese. They are not disposed, indeed, to deduce any broad conclusions from the slight fluctuations in this number, by which, from time to time, it may be swelled or diminished. But the faintest prospect of any considerable deficiency would suggest very serious and alarming reflections. The wants of the Church and of the country require an uninterrupted and a rapid increase. There must be, also, a constant proportion between the prevalence of piety and zeal, and the supplies by which the ranks of the ministry are filled and extended. The Clergy are admonished by every view, not to relax their care in seeking and encouraging proper candidates for the sacred office; and devout parents, and pious young men are equally reminded to

weight, first of all, in their private arrangements, the claims of the Lord of the harvest.

The Board by no means apprehend, that the Church Scholarship Society, or any similar institutions, can ever render more than a very partial assistance to the Church, for the supply of this continual necessity. It is highly important that it should be understood by the community that no more is undertaken by these institutions, than to afford a limited aid to a limited class of candidates; an aid, which, under the ordinary blessing of Providence, with economy on the part of the recipient, and a fair maintenance on the part of Parishes, may commonly, in a few years, be repaid. The Clergy are neither to be educated nor supported by charity. This Society extends to its beneficiaries, in the acquisition of their education, a kindness of the same nature with that which is often extended, by relatives or friends, to young men who are preparing themselves for other professions. The beneficiaries are as independent as other persons who contract such a debt with the design that it shall be faithfully reimbursed. When they are called to pastoral duties, they have a right to expect a compensation which will enable them, with some self-denial, to discharge their previous obligations, incurred in acquiring those very qualifications, which are now in exercise for the benefit of their parishioners. But it is evident, that the Christian community ought not for a moment to entertain the idea, that to an aid of this kind, the Church can ever be chiefly indebted for its Clergy. Religious parents must be prepared for exertions; education must, if possible, be cheapened; young men must hold themselves ready for labour; Parishes must afford an encouraging remuneration. All must be filled with the conviction of the dignity, the importance, the necessity of that office to which, in some manner, all must so much owe the means of grace, and the hope of glory. Then will the ministry be strengthened by large accessions; and then, too, will this Society be strong for its peculiar duty.

The Board cannot conclude, without adverting to a subject of some delicacy, but of great importance. It is required by the Constitution of the Society, that unless in some very extraordinary cases, unequivocal testimonials should be presented on behalf of the candidate; testimonials of his piety, promising talents and necessitous circumstances. Acting only as agents of the beneficence of the Church, the Board must believe themselves bound to a degree of strictness in the execution of such a charge. They must, however, in the first instance, rely upon testimonials; and a beneficiary, once admitted, could not afterwards, without an appearance of harshness, be dismissed for want of talents sufficiently promising. It would be gratifying to them, if, in this respect, it were possible that they should know the standard which would accord with the opinion of the Society. In the mean time, they cannot but beg that those Clergymen by whom any applicant may be recommended, would relieve them, as far as may be, from a painful responsibility, by the faithful and impartial exercise of their own judgment, concerning the qualifications, which, however separable from a Christian character, are yet almost indispensable to pastoral usefulness.

With humble praises to Almighty God for his goodness towards even so weak an instrument in the establishment of the kingdom of His dear Son, and with thanks to the steadfast supporters of that instrument, the Board would close their Report; soliciting also from the Giver of all good desires, a continuance of the same blessing from Himself, and the same favour from His people.

For the Board of Education,

GEORGE BURGESS, *Secretary.*





## SYNOPSIS OF THE FOREGOING ACCOUNT.

|   | Dr.       |
|---|-----------|
| Paid sundry beneficiaries, . . . . .          | \$780,00  |
| Paid money borrowed, . . . . .                | 100,00    |
| Paid interest, . . . . .                      | 12,50     |
| Paid discount on uncurrent money, . . . . .   | 3,80      |
| Balance on hand this year, . . . . .          | 140,63    |
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|   | \$1036,93 |
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| Balance on hand last year, . . . . .          | \$211,45  |
| Received on donations, . . . . .              | 508,08    |
| Received from beneficiaries repaid, . . . . . | 289,00    |
| Received interest of ditto. . . . .           | 28,40     |
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|   | \$1036,93 |

## APPENDIX, NO. IV.

## CONSTITUTION

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE

DIOCESE OF CONNECTICUT,

AS AMENDED IN CONVENTION, OCTOBER, 1836, AND JUNE, 1840.

ARTICLE I. The Protestant Episcopal Church in Connecticut, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, accedes to, recognizes, and adopts the General Constitution of that Church, and acknowledges its authority accordingly.

ART. 2. There shall be a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in this Diocese, on the second Tuesday of June in each year, at such place as shall have been determined upon by the Bishop; and in case of vacancy in the Episcopate, by the Standing Committee.

ART. 3. Every Convention shall be opened with prayer, and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. And it shall be the duty of the Bishop, either to

deliver a charge, or sermon, or to appoint one of his Clergy to preach at the opening of each Convention;—and in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee shall appoint.

ART. 4. The Bishop shall preside in Convention; but in case of absence or of vacancy in the Episcopate, the Convention shall elect a President *pro tem*.

ART. 5. The Bishop shall have power to call a special Convention when he may judge it conducive to the good of the Church; or when applied to for that purpose by the Standing Committee, or five Presbyters. And in case of vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee shall have power to call a special Convention.

ART. 6. The Convention shall be composed of both Clergymen and Laymen. Every officiating minister of this Church, regularly appointed to the charge of a congregation, in union with this Convention; ministers employed as missionaries, under the appointment of the ecclesiastical authority; clerical instructors of youth in any seminary of learning in this Diocese, constituted by civil or ecclesiastical authority; and ministers whose age and infirmities prevent from exercising the clerical functions; shall be members of this Convention. Each Parish in this Diocese which shall have been received into union with the Convention, shall be entitled to a representation in Convention, by one delegate; and if it shall consist of more than fifty families, by two; to be chosen by the Parish. And if any Parish be composed of two or more congregations, having a corresponding number of Church edifices, such Parish shall be entitled to a representation from each of such congregations, as from so many distinct Parishes. But before any delegate shall take his seat, he shall produce a certificate of his appointment, signed by the Wardens, or Parish Clerk. And one third of the members of the Clerical order, and twenty members of the Lay order, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; but a smaller number may adjourn.

ART. 7. The Clergy and Laity in the Convention shall deliberate in one body; and on every question a majority of votes of those present shall decide: but if upon any question it be required by five members, the two orders shall vote thereon separately, and a concurrence of a majority of each order shall be necessary to give validity to any measure.

ART. 8. A Secretary shall be chosen by ballot, immediately upon the opening of the Annual Convention, from the Clerical members thereof. It shall be his duty to take minutes of their proceedings, to preserve their journals and records, to attest the public acts of the body, and faithfully deliver into the hands of his successor, all books and proceedings relative to the concerns of the Church, which may be in his possession. And it shall also be his duty to notify, through the channel of such public prints as may be designated by the ecclesiastical authority, the time and place appointed for the meeting of the succeeding, or special Convention.

ART. 9. The Standing Committee shall be elected at the Annual Convention; and shall be composed of five Clerical members, who shall be Rectors of Parishes, or instructors in some seminary instituted by the ecclesiastical or civil authority of this Diocese; and in case of any vacancy occurring in said Committee, by death, removal, or resignation, the remaining members shall have power to supply said vacancy, until the next annual Convention. At their first meeting, which shall always be on the day of their election, they shall appoint from their own body a President and a Secretary, who shall keep a journal of the proceedings, subject to the inspection of the Convention. Any three of the Committee, (the whole having been summoned by the President,) shall be a quorum, except for such purposes, as agreeably to their own rules, or the canons of the General Convention, may require a larger number.

**ART. 10.** The Secretary and Standing Committee of this Convention shall continue in office until their successors shall have been appointed.

**ART. 11.** A Treasurer shall be appointed by the Convention, to continue in office during their pleasure; and it shall be his duty to receive and manage all funds which may at any time belong to the Convention; and to lay before the Convention an annual statement of all such funds.

**ART. 12.** When the Episcopate of this Diocese shall become vacant by death or otherwise, the Standing Committee shall call a special Convention, within three months from the time when such vacancy shall happen, at Hartford or New Haven. And the time and place shall be notified in three or more respectable newspapers in this Diocese, at least four weeks previous to said meeting; when the Convention may proceed to an election, or adjourn to such time and place as may be deemed expedient.

**ART. 13.** The election of a Bishop of this Diocese shall be in the following manner:—The two orders shall separate, and the order of the Clergy shall choose by ballot, some fit and qualified Presbyter for that office; and thereupon such choice shall be communicated to the order of Lay Delegates; and if, on ballot, the person so chosen is approved by the Lay order, he shall be declared to be duly elected. In the above mentioned election, a majority of each order shall determine a choice; provided, that two thirds of all the Clergy entitled to vote be present; otherwise, two thirds of the votes of each order present shall be necessary to determine a choice.

**ART. 14.** Each order in Convention shall appoint delegates to the General Convention by ballot; and the delegates thus appointed, and confirmed by the concurrent vote of both orders in Convention, shall continue in office three years, or the time that may intervene between the stated meetings of the General Convention. And in case any delegate so appointed shall decline such appointment, it shall be his duty to inform the Bishop, or in case of vacancy in the Episcopate, the President of the Standing Committee, at least two months before the meeting of the General Convention; and the Bishop, or the Standing Committee, if the Episcopate be vacant, may appoint a substitute for any delegate so declining.

**ART. 15.** No Clergyman shall be suspended, or receive any public censure from the Bishop or Standing Committee of this Diocese, without having been adjudged thereto, in the way to be provided for by canon.

**ART. 16.** This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any article except at an annual meeting of the Convention, by vote of two thirds of the members present; nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed and approved at the annual meeting previous to its adoption, and published at large in the journals of the Convention.

## APPENDIX, NO. V.

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### CANONS OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, IN THE DIOCESE OF CONNECTICUT.

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**CANON I.**—*Concerning Parochial Registers and Reports.* (Passed 1826, amended 1830 and 1834.)

In order to give effect to the 40th Canon of the General Convention, it is hereby required, that every Minister of this Church shall keep a record of all the Baptisms, Marriages, and Funerals, solemnized by him, specifying the names of the parties married, the names of the persons baptized, and of the persons buried, and the time when each rite was performed. He shall also keep a register of the names of the persons confirmed, of the communicants, and of the families belonging to his Parish, which documents shall be deposited with the Clerk, in case of his removal from the Parish. And it shall be the duty of every Minister to report to the Annual Convention, an abstract of said registers, together with a written account of the state of each Parish. And at every visitation, the Minister of the Parish, or the Wardens, if the Parish be vacant, shall submit to the Bishop, for his inspection, the Parish Register.

**CANON II.**—*Providing for the Convention Fund.* (1838.)

The several Parishes in this Diocese shall annually pay to the Convention Fund, at the rate of seventy-five cents on every one hundred dollars paid to their respective Clergymen, as their annual salary.

**CANON III.**—*Declaring the Offenses for which a Clergyman shall be brought to trial.* (1825.)

Disorderly and immoral conduct, vicious or unseemly diversions, neglect of duty, disregard of the Constitution and Canons of the General or State Convention, a deviation from the Rubrics, and disseminating or countenancing opinions which are contrary to the doctrines of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, are offenses for which a Clergyman may be brought to trial.

**CANON IV.**—*Of the Manner in which a Clergyman shall be brought to trial.* (1825.)

In order to bring a Clergyman to trial before an ecclesiastical court, a charge shall be made in the first place to the Standing Committee, in writing, under the proper signature of at least two persons, one of whom shall be a Presbyter of this Diocese. And if the Standing Committee shall deem the offense charged, as coming within the offenses enumerated in the Canons of

# CHURCH IN CONNECTICUT.

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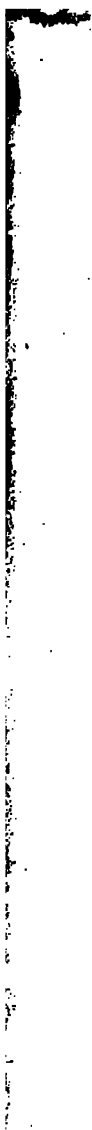
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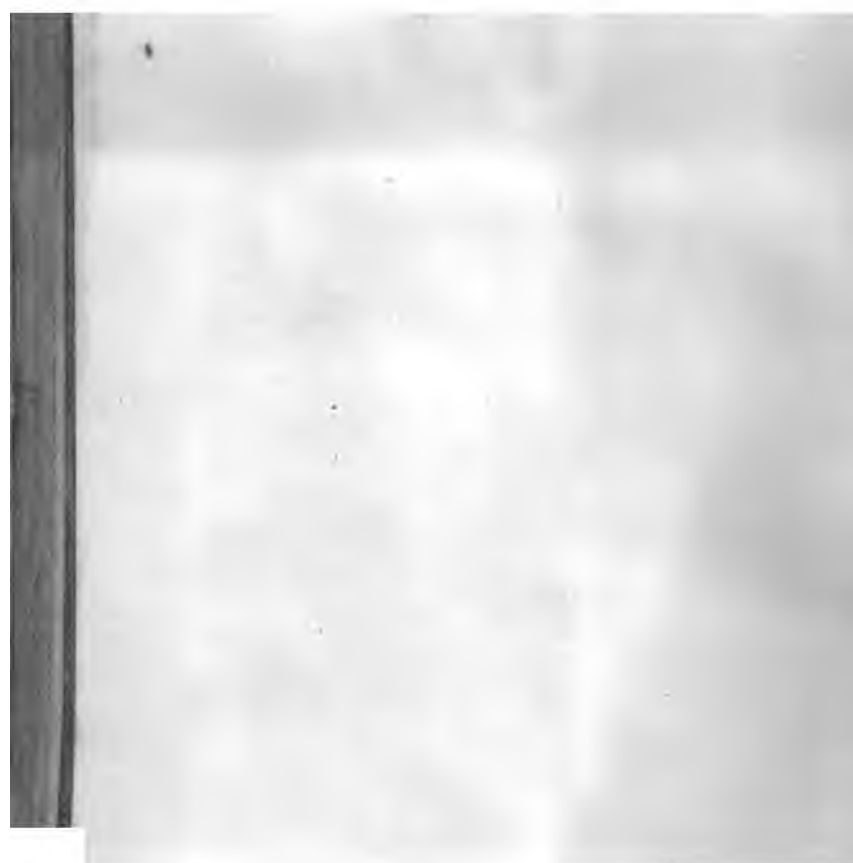
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